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SUMMARY.

Mr. Asquith has resigned. Mr. Bonar Law has summoned by the King to Buckingham Palace.

He has undertaken the task of forming a new Cabinet.

Mr. Asquith's resignation came as a great surprise, and showed that every effort to preserve the unity of the coalition had failed.

It is generally believed that Mr. Asquith's resignation will entail a general election.

Before the appeal to the electors Mr. Bonar Law will form a Government, and seek the country's approval.

The political crisis in England is causing widespread interest in Germany.

The "Vorwaerts" says "Our energetic submarine warfare has caused distrust of the stability of the Government."

Sir Edward Carson has secured the consent of his Ulster colleagues to a Home Rule Parliament for the whole of Ireland.

A condition of the acceptance of the scheme is that the Nationalists agree to the extension of conscription to Ireland.

The German censor has permitted the "New York Times" to publish a message emphasising the existence of a widespread peace movement in Germany.

There is said to be an overwhelming majority in favour of an early peace.

The Roumanians are retiring towards Bucharest, under incessant attacks of superior enemy forces.

Their attempts to check enemy attacks on the road towards Ploesci and Bucharest were unsuccessful.

Berlin reports that von Mackensen, breaking the resistance of the enemy rearguards, crossed the Bucharest-Tergoviscea railway.

The number of prisoners taken on Sunday increased the total to 12,500, while 4500 were taken elsewhere.

An Austrian official message states that in the Carpathians the Austro-Germans have repulsed the Russians of recent local gains.

Russian attacks on the frontier of Moldavia, it is added, were repulsed with heavy losses.

The British Minister at Athens reports that a certain degree of order has been restablished.

It had been ascertained that it was irresponsible armed bands that attacked the Entente troops and the Venizelists.

These bands, including their officers, have been dismissed, and Greek regulars are now guarding Athens.

The German Minister to Greece declares that the Greek Government could not be called friendly to Germany.

The soldiers who fought under King Constantine, however, were still friendly. From these arose the reservist movement.

The British Government is unshaken in its determination to fix the responsibility for Friday's events.

The Salonica correspondent of the "Petit Parisien" says the Bulgarian lines are strongly and solidly organised.

Although the enemy has fallen back he is in no way destroyed, but only slightly demoralised.

German and Bulgarian prisoners declare that General von Mackensen has ordered the present positions to be held at all costs.

The Servians have captured by assault another village north of Monastir. The Bulgarians are retreating northwards.

The French and Servians have advanced north of Paralovo.

The Servians have developed successes north of Grainista and Budimirci, where they carried two fortified positions.

Count Zeppelin is suffering from another nervous breakdown.

Newspaper criticisms upon the recent loss of airships in attacks against Great Britain greatly annoyed him.

Sir Douglas Haig reports that a strong enemy raid following on a heavy bombardment south-east of Loos failed.

British aircraft on Monday carried out many successful reconnaissances.

A French official report states:—Our machine gun fire completely checked a small attack north of Vaux.

Reuer Pasha is reported to have made a speech in the Turkish Parliament indicating plans for an invasion of Egypt.

The Federal Treasurer delivered an interim financial statement in the House of Representatives yesterday.

The war-time profits tax is to be 50 per cent. on the first year and 75 per cent. on the second year.

The levy on wealth for repatriation purposes is to be spread over a period of five years.

It is intended to increase the income tax by 25 per cent. The exemption will disappear on incomes of £500 and over.

The Government will go on with the entertainments tax, but will not impose the tax on tickets of a less value than 6d.

Economies in various directions are contemplated.

The Interstate Labour Conference resumed its secret sittings at the Melbourne Trades Hall yesterday.

The opinion was expressed that the time has arrived for the Allies to formulate plans for an early peace.

It was decided to protest against any proposition of the life of the Federal Parliament.

It is proposed to increase the price of country newspapers, owing to an increase of 50 per cent. in the price of paper.

A new award is to be gazetted to-morrow covering carpenters and joiners in the county of Cumberland.

The miners, it is understood, will not endorse their claims for 10 days' holiday at Christmas.

The coal owners will meet the men in conference to-morrow, when the outstanding issues will be considered.

Mr. Justice Edmunds held an inquiry in relation to the Bulli colliery dispute over payment for deficient places.

The miners agreed to return to work—probably on Monday—on conditions outlined by Mr. Hamer.

The Anniversary Regatta is to be held on January 26, with a curtailed programme similar to that of last year.

The Diocesan Synod decided to establish a fund for a bursary at Moore College, to commemorate the synod jubilee.

A newsvendor, named Jenkins, fell overboard from the ferry steamer Kulgoa yesterday.

He was struck by the propeller blades, and died shortly after being picked up.

There was no break, except for meals, in the sitting of the Assembly, which began at 11 o'clock on Tuesday.

The House was still discussing the Estimates at midnight on Wednesday. The Opposition overwall was continued.

In the Council the Government was asked to defer the demolition of buildings resumed for railway purposes.

The Rhodes scholarship committee for New South Wales has decided to make no selection this year.

Thirty-five persons were fined at the Central Summons Court for using electricity contrary to the regulations of the Lighting Board.

The Church of England Deaconesses' Institution at Newtown was opened yesterday afternoon.

The new high school at Wollongong was officially opened by the Minister for Education yesterday.

The next English mail, via Suez, is expected to reach Sydney on Tuesday, the 12th inst.

A census of stocks of wool, tops, yarns, and cloth is to be taken in the United Kingdom on December 21.

A quieter market ruled for investment stocks on the Stock Exchange yesterday, though values were generally firm.

There was no fresh butter on the market yesterday, but consignments are expected today. Bacon was scarce.

Forecast.—Excepting for some clearing showers in the north-east, fine generally, increasing temperatures, northerly winds, equally later in the west.

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TO THE NORTHERN LINE AND BRANCHES.

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A Handicap Sweepstakes of 10 sovs each, 1 forfeit, if declared before 4 o'clock p.m. on Thursday, 18th January, 1917, with 750 sovs added. For all horses. Second horse 150 sovs, and third horse 75 sovs from the prize. The winner of any handicap race of the value of 200 sovs after the declaration of weights to carry 7lb; of any such race of the value of 500 sovs or over, 10lb penalty. Six furlongs.

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ENTRIES, accompanied by first forfeit 1 sov, to be made with the Secretary of the A.J.C., Sydney; V.R.C., Melbourne; or Q.T.C., Brisbane, before 4 o'clock p.m. on MONDAY, 18th DECEMBER, 1916.

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LAST RACE, 5.50 p.m.

Special Trains, 8.55 (Horses), 10.40, 11.15, 11.40 p.m.

An early return, reaching Sydney at 5.28 p.m.

R. R. EVANS, Secretary.

ROSEHILL RACES.

OWNERS AND TRAINERS ARE NOTIFIED THAT ALL HORSES NOT SCRATCHED FOR THE DECEMBER HANDICAP BY 4 O'CLOCK THIS DAY (THURSDAY), 7TH INST., ARE LIABLE FOR 2 SOVS SWEEPSTAKES.

GEO. W. S. ROWE, Secretary.

PRIZE MONEY, 700 SOVS.

ROSEBERY RACES.

TO TAKE PLACE ON ROSEBERY RACECOURSE, NEXT WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13.

FLYING HANDICAP, 100 Sovs; 6 f.
14.1 HANDICAP, 100 Sovs; 6f 6f.
MAIDEN HANDICAP, 100 Sovs; 6 f.
ROSEBERY HANDICAP, 100 Sovs; 1 m.
14.0 HANDICAP, 100 Sovs; 5 f.
14.2 HANDICAP, 100 Sovs; 6 f.
ENCOURAGE STAKES, 100 Sovs; 1 mile.

Nominations close 5 p.m. To-day. Thursday.

J. UNDERHILL, Secretary.

Belmont-building, 15 Castlereagh-street.

RICHMOND PONY RACE MEETING.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1916.

NOVICE HANDICAP, 20 Sovs; 4 Furlongs.
FLYING WELTER, 20 Sovs; 4 Furlongs.
14.2 HANDICAP, 20 Sovs; 5 Furlongs.
TRIAL HANDICAP, 20 Sovs; 4 Furlongs.
RICHMOND HANDICAP, 40 Sovs; 6 Furlongs.
14.1 HANDICAP, 20 Sovs; 4 Furlongs.

See Programme for conditions.

Entries close on MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1916, up to 5 p.m., that day, at the office, room 69, Royal Arcade, 299 Pitt-street, Sydney.

Weights will appear on or about Thursday, 14th, 1916.

GEO. W. SELOUFF, Secretary.

AMUSEMENTS.

METROPOLITAN RIFLE CLUB.—Concert, in aid of the Widow of the late Captain Shout, V.C., will be held at Club Hqrs., 4th Floor, Rawson-chbrs., opp. Railway Stn., To-night, Thursday, December 7, at 8.

MADAME MALTRAVERS, the Mystic, appears To-night, 7.30, at 67 Hunter-st., and ev. Mon., Thurs.

HOUSES AND LAND FOR SALE.

A VERY PRETTY AND COMPACT BUNGALOW, slate roof, wide tiled verandah and path, 3 large rooms, kitchenette, all latest fittings, electric light, gas stove and copper.

LAND, 42 x 140.

£775. EASY TERMS. £75 DEPOSIT.

Motor to inspect. We have the Properties, and it's no trouble.

HEIGHWAY and HIGGS, The Property Men, TRAM TERMINUS, HURLSTONE PARK.

SIX HUNDRED AND FIFTY POUNDS.

£50 Deposit and Easy Weekly Payments Secures a PRETTY BRICK COTTAGE, slate roof, hall, 4 good rooms, kitchen, laundry, enclosed verandah, gas stove, sewer.

LAND, 40 x 130. Right at Station.

HEIGHWAY and HIGGS, Tram Terminus, HURLSTONE PARK.

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A superior BRICK RESIDENCE, on stone, cont. reception-room 22 x 14, with beam ceilings, dining room 14 x 14, 4 bedrooms, storeroom, kitchen and all modern offices. SLEEPING-OUT VERANDAHS, BALCONIES. Land, 100 x 213, Terrens. FRUIT and VEGETABLE GARDENS. Price, £1650. Terms if necessary.

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A nearly new D.F. BRICK COTTAGE, P.R. slate roof, cont. 4 large rooms, kit., and laundry comb., and all offices. IN GOOD ORDER. Land, 42 x 130. Terrens. A MIN. STATION. Price, £650, bal. at 6 per cent.

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A Modern D.F. BRICK VILLA, on stone, cont. 5 large rooms, kit., and all modern convs., VERANDAHS ON ALL SIDES, ELECTRIC LIGHT THROUGHOUT. Land, 46 x 180, Terrens. GARDENS and LAWNS. Price, £1350. £450 can remain at 6 per cent.

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DOUBLE BAY, near Tennis Courts, Wallaroy-cres. Call and after Plans to your liking now.

MOSMAN.—BUNGALOW, 5 lovely rooms, £950. Terrens.

RANDWICK.—PAIRS, Everlasting Views, Terrens, Rents £296. (FULL PRICE) £2900. Absolutely the Best Two Pairs in Randwick.

RANDWICK.—HOME, 6 rms., 70 feet, £1075.
RANDWICK.—HOME, 6 rooms, 40 x 150, £900.
RANDWICK.—HOME, 4 rms., 60 x 150, £725.
RANDWICK.—SHOPS, near tram junction, Terrens. Rents £265. (FULL PRICE) £2500.

SHOPS, Splendid Lease, Long Terms, Rents £670 (FULL PRICE, FREEHOLD), £7500. £3500 CASH, £4200, 3 YEARS, 5½ per cent.

WAVERLEY.—HOME, 6 rooms, very cheap, £1075.
WAVERLEY.—HOME, 6 rooms, near Park, £900.

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BARGAINS IN HOMES. THESE ARE CHEAP. Call and inspect.

£240.—£40 deposit, SUBSTANTIAL COTTAGE, 3 rms., kit., laundry, etc., 7 mins. to stn. Terrens.

£315.—NEAT COTTAGE, on main road, 8 mins. stn., contains 3 rooms, kitchen, kitc., wide ver., plenty land for gardens. £60 deposit.

£375.—Only £30 deposit, MODERN COTTAGE VILLA, 2 good bedrooms, half-hall, dining-room, kitchen, verandahs, laundry, gas, water.

SEE THESE BEFORE DECIDING ELSEWHERE.

ROBERT HARLEY and SONS, opp. Station, AUBURN.

LIDCOMBE, only 25 minutes by train to city, high & healthy, handy, fare 2/6 weekly.

COTTAGES, £315, £365, £400, £435.

DEPOSITS, £20, £40, £50, balance weekly.

GOOD BUILDING LAND, 40 x 208 ft., £50, £3 dep.

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BRICK COTTAGE, slate roof, 4 rooms, hall, kitchen, gas stove, bathroom, laundry, gas, sewer, folding doors, land 20 x 120 feet.

PRICE £425. CASH OR TERMS.

PAIR BRICK COTTAGES, at MARRICKVILLE, close tram, slate roofs, iron rails in front, each 4 rooms, hall, kit., bathroom, laundry, gas, sewer, etc. Rents £91 year.

SACRIFICE FOR £875.

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BONDI, OCEAN-ST, SWEET LITTLE HOME.—Cottage, double front, brick, slate roof, draw., din., arch connected, dome ceilings, 2 airy bedrooms, all offices, gas, fuel stoves, veran. front, rear, 30 x 6, out-sleeping, 2 min. p.o. Land 36 x 140, choice garden, lawn, £860, terms, good value.

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PADDINGTON.—5 Rk. Cottages, slate roofs, 3 rms., kit., etc. Rents £220. Terrens, £1100. Cash required £400.

DARLINGTON.—Hy. House, 5 rms., kit., etc. Rent £52. Terrens, £455.

SURRY HILLS.—Det. Bk. Cottage, 5 rms., kit., etc. Rent £45. Price £410.

NORTH SYDNEY.—3 Bk. Houses, 4 rms., kit., etc. Rents £132. Freehold. Price £1050.

REALTY ASSETS CO., 5 CASTLEREAGH-STREET.

TO HOME SEEKERS WITH £700 TO £1000.

A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY TO RETIRE IN A FEW YEARS.—A Comfortable Home will cost you £700, but why not invest it in a row of 5 new Detached Brick Cottages, 5 rms., etc., situated South Kensington, 1 min. tram. Live in one rent free and your tenants will pay the balance. Rents £300 p.a. Full particulars.

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Fine D.F. Brick Villa, 4 rooms, kitchen, and laundry, gas and fuel stoves, bathroom, tiled ver. and roof, good yard. Price only £425.

TERMS MAY BE ARRANGED.

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MOSMAN. TO HOME SEEKERS. MOSMAN. Substantially Built BRICK COTTAGE HOMES.

4 rooms, kit., etc., £725, £775.
5 rooms, kit., etc., £850, £875, £900.
6 rooms, kit., etc., £980, £1000, £1050, £1100.
7 rooms, kit., etc., £1175 to £2000.

JONES and CO., Spit Junction.

HABERFIELD.—OWNER GOING TO FRONT.

A Pretty D.F. Brick COTTAGE, slate roof, 5 rms., and all conveniences, built 12 months, close to trams, nice gardens and lawns. LAND 50 x 150. PRICE £775, £375 cash. Another, 4 rooms, all conveniences, close to trams, £665.

G. E. KIDD, 58 Ramsay-street, HABERFIELD.

'Phone, U1682. at O'Connor-street tram stop.

DEPOSIT £25, balance 17/6 per week.—Parramatta, Your chance. New W.B. Cottage, 3 rooms and kitchen, water, electric light, every modern comfort, tastefully finished, land 37 x 126, Terrens Title, 5 minutes station, £399. H. J. DILLON, 'Phone, 1 Ryde. George-st., Parramatta.

STRATHFIELD.—Excellent Building Block, 66 feet to WOODWARD-AVENUE by through depth to Torrington-avenue of 165 feet. Let 3 of Toohey's Estate (adjoining Torrington). Inspect for yourself. 8 cfs. feet. Cash or Terms. £6 per foot. EXECUTOR'S SALE.

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A SNAP.—For SALE, Willoughby, highest position, very fine Building Blocks of Level LAND, 1 Block 2000 x 1500, in Richmond-avenue, 1 Block 1000 x 1000, corner of same street and Ryan-road. Torrens Title. Apply

A. LEIMANN, E. S. and A. Bank-chambers, King and George sts.

DULWICH HILL, near Station.—FRONTAGE tags, containing 6 rooms, kitchen, bath, pantry, laundry, etc., gas stove, good block of land. Price £875. Terms arranged.

B. R. COOPER, Dulwich Hill.

HURLSTONE PARK.—New D.F. Bk. Cottage, 4 rooms, kitchen, bath, pantry, laundry, electric light. Price £675. Terms, £75 Deposit, balance at 22s 6d per week; other Properties, £600, £650, £675, £700, £750, £775, £800, on terms or cash. D. H. Cooper, successor to G. J. Warr, tram ter., Del. Hill.

MOSMAN, one minute CREMORNE TRAM, Penny Section.—Pretty Brick VILLA, with large lawns and garden, contains 8 nice rooms, kit., all offices, lovely harbour views. A GIFT, £1650.

Apply 48 Harbour-street, Mosman.

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STANMORE.—Pretty Brick Bungalow COTTAGE, 5 large rooms, kitchen, modern, in perfect order, gardens, bushhouses, and lawns, close to tram and train; Price £625; immediate possession. To Wharf, William-street, close to Addison-road tram.

DULWICH HILL, Handy Station.—Cosy D.F. Brick Cottage, contg. hall, 5 fine rms., kit., all cut offices, slate roof, arch betw. draw. and din. rms., ample land, Torrens Title, only £775. W. F. BUTLER, Real Estate Agent, Dulwich Hill.

BARGAIN.—Investment, Pair Semi-detached Cottages, close tr. and tr., 4 large rms., convs., sewer, roof slate all over, elevated position, must be sold, £950. Capps, Wardell-rd Station Pet. 961.

SOUTH ASHFIELD. D.F. Brick COTTAGE, 3 rooms and kit., also large Glassed Verandah Room, gas stove, e. light, fowl run, fronts paths, lawns and garden, imp. ments, £800, offer. Cranford, 4 Mount-st.

BURWOOD, good locality.—COTTAGE, just finished, 4 rooms, kit., laundry, glassed-in verandah, all modern conveniences, electric light, easy terms. Apply M'KEVETT, Wellington-st, Burwood, near Wyatt-av.

RANDWICK.—LAND, Magill-street, off High-street, 2 minutes from tram, Block 46 x 114, £120 cash no quick sale.

The George-st, Erskineville, or 'Phone, L1882.

SAFE INVESTMENT.—Four HOUSES, close to Oxford-street, Paddington, rents £159 year. Freehold Title. Price £700.

WALTER RUSH and CO., 2 Queen-st, Woollahra.

DOUBLE BAY, Manning-road.—D.F. Brick, 5 rooms, bathroom, hot and linen rooms, every convenience, £875, or £300 deposit. Inspection arranged. Apply Cottage, Edgecliff Post-office.

NEW D.F. Brick Cottage, 4 rms., kit., fibrous ceils. W. elec. light, gas stove. Terrens, 32ft x 110ft. £650. Terms. L. F. Ward, 125 Norton-st, Leichhardt.

LEICHHARDT, Alberto-st.—W.B. Cottage, 4 rooms, all conveniences, £300.

G. FORSTAGE, Bridge-street, Drummoyne.

COOGEE.—Pair Brick Cottages, practically new, well built, rents £113/2/ annually; £1175.

MOFFATT HOWARTH, 211 Sussex-street.

KATOOMBA.—Sale or Exchange, 6-rmd. Cottage, for one similar size, any suburb, handy to Sydney. Marshall, Dalmore-street, Bexley.

NEW COTT., £650, dep. £25, balance rent. D. N. Bercery, Cammeray-rd, Folly Point, North Sydney.

CREMORNE, Pretty Mod. Weatherboard, only £800, dep. £25, bal. rent. Moore, Shirlstone, Cross st.

HOUSES AND LAND FOR SALE.

UNSURPASSED RIVER VIEW DRUMMOYNE. Lovely Double-front Brick COTTAGE, 5 rooms, kit., and offices. Land 25 x 150, Terrens. Take £1150 cash. Worth £1200.

RIDDLE, ILLIDGE, and CO., 109 Pitt-street.

A BEAUTIFUL HOME KOGARAH, handy station.—Lovely New built D.F. Stone COTTAGE, large rooms. Land 65 x 160 (garage 40ft. £100). Easy terms.

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THE SNAP OF THE YEAR COOGEE, 3 min. tram and beach. COOGEE. Lovely Brick COTTAGE, 4 rooms, kit., offices, magnificent views. Absolutely given away, £850, terms. Come early and bring a deposit. Inspection means buying. RIDDLE, ILLIDGE, and CO., 109 Pitt-street.

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BURWOOD.—Brick COTTAGE, 4 rooms, kit., used as dairy, also two W.B. COTTAGES, never empty, 1899. Permanent tenants. Rents £1100. Gift, £300. Terms. Big money in this.

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VALE ARLE, CITY PROPERTY (CRAMERS). Near Railway. Further particulars, SLADE, BROWN, Dalton House, 115 Pitt-st. City 804.

LYNMORE, near TRAM TERMINUS. A House, 5 rms., kit., Torrens Title. £450. SLADE and BROWN, Dalton House, 115 Pitt-st.

PADDINGTON, near VICTORIA BARRACKS. 3 HOUSES, rents £126 yearly. Pr. £1050, offer. SL

THE GOLDEN KEY.

BY L. G. MOBERLY.

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CHAPTER XIII.—Continued.

"But why was it such a hole-and-corner affair" asked Harding. "Why didn't this Mr. Donaldson want to marry her in a decent above-board way?"

"Ah! that's what we'd all like to know," Jonadab shook his head again, and his eyes gave more grave. "If all was right and as it should be, why didn't he fins' go to the house and see Mr. Merring, and h.ve a proper wedding here in the church, where Antonia and all of us was christened? Why did he insist her to meet him out on the moor and in the woods, instead of in her father's garden, like befitting a young lady? There was something strange about it, you might call strange about it, sir—as we never could understand. But all—as we never could understand, and you know, one thing certain and sure, and you may take my word for it, my oath upon it too, and that is that Miss Antonia was innocent of all thought of wrong or harm, as innocent as the babe unborn. She'd got her head stuffed with tales and what they do call romance, and she loved the very ground the man walked upon, and whatever he told her seemed right in her eyes. That's the way I look at it. But if she sinned, she never sinned knowing or wilful. I'd swear that in her court of justice in the land."

"And Miss Antonia never came back?"

"No, she didn't never come back." Mr. Merring he was a hard man, and he'd said she should never set foot in his house again, and she never did. And then there was one of his daughters died, and his wife died, and he seemed to lose heart, and then he died, and the two other daughters after that they went away, and the place was sold, and none of us never heard any more about them, 'cept in the Vicarage, where I hear tell they talk of it, and the Vicarage he heard, might be ten years after, might be nine. I can't rightly call to mind, but I heard tell as Miss Marion was married, but we haven't never seen her again, not she nor she was a little maid with hair all hanging down."

"The vicarage is that house beyond the church, I suppose?" Harding asked, pointing to a grey building amongst the trees.

"That be Vicarage; and Vicar he'd tell 'ee the same as I've been tellin' of 'ee. I don't believe he knows no more than what I knows." Jonadab waited only a few moments to soothe the old fellow's ruffled sensibilities, and to give a coin into his hand, and then he went along the road to where a white gate bore the inscription, "The Vicarage." But his interview with Mr. Thompson, the white-haired Vicar, left him very much as Jonadab's talk had left him. The old sexton had spoken more than truth in saying that the Vicar's knowledge of the Merrings and their history went no further than his own knowledge.

"Ah, I wish I could help you," Mr. Thompson said, when the two men were seated in a comfortable, book-lined study and Harding had explained the reason of his coming; "it is simple fact is that nobody, not even Mr. Merring himself, knew much about that affair of Antonia's. Her father came round to me soon after her letter reached him, telling him that she had gone away with a Mr. Donaldson, and was married to him. Merring was furious—like a raving lunatic. It took all I knew to calm him down at all. And then I could say, no persuasion I could use would induce him to forgive her or to let her in his house any more. Neither I mother, nor I, nor anybody, could soften him in the least."

"And the man, this Mr. Donaldson? Did he make any inquiries about him? Who he was, where he belonged? Did Mr. Merring take no steps to see that the daughter was not married? To find out something about the man who had taken her away?" There was indignation in Harding's voice.

"Antonia's father was a man of peculiar prejudice and temperament," the Vicar answered thoughtfully, "and as obstinate as a mule. When his mind was once made up nothing and no one could stir him. His wife was afraid of him, so were his children. And I put down Antonia's tragic blunder mainly to the fact that she never dared to let her father know of Mr. Donaldson's existence, much less of her friendliness with him. Mr. Merring was a martinet. He disliked young men, he resented their coming to his house; more than once he had poured the vials of his wrath upon Antonia because some ambition youth paid her innocent attentions at a garden party. He tempted his children to deceive him, and then upbraided them with want of confidence—and he never forgave Antonia. When she left home he washed his hands of her completely. He would not allow her name to be mentioned after the very first. He practically disowned her entirely. She passed out of his life."

"Ah, I never found out whether her marriage was legal?"

"Yes. That he did do. But it was hard to make him do it. With infinite difficulty I persuaded him to take steps to discover the truth about the legality of the marriage, and he wrote to Antonia asking for a copy of her marriage certificate. My persuasion could not make him write kindly; but, at any rate, there seemed no reason to doubt that the marriage was legal enough."

"And the man? Was nothing ever discovered about him?"

The Vicar lifted his shoulders.

"Nothing. That obstinate old fool, Merring—you must forgive my forcible language, but nothing else expresses what he was—that obstinate old fool would make no further inquiries. He said that Antonia was married, the thing was done, and could not be undone. She had made her bed and must lie upon it. He carried out his own words to the full. He washed his hands of his daughter and her husband totally and entirely."

"Then I suppose I could not find out where Donaldsons lived after their marriage?"

"I believe they travelled for a time, and had no settled home. At least, poor Mrs. Merring told me that letters came from Antonia with varying postmarks, but her tyrant of a husband never allowed her to open one of them after the first two or three. If ever a woman died of a broken heart, Mrs. Merring did. And of one. She never got over the loss of her daughter. She fretted and pined until she was ripe for any illness that came along. And pneumonia came along. She died in two days."

"You cannot give me the slightest clue as to this man Donaldson's family?"

"Not the slightest. I knew him a little when he was at the inn, but I only knew him as one knows a casual passing stranger—in the same way that I know many artists who come here for a few weeks to paint. Birds of passage nearly all of them. He was a good-looking man, with a very pleasant manner, and in every way extremely attractive. It is not in the least surprising that a young girl brought up in our moorland solitudes should have been drawn to him. And you are her daughter's guardian! How strange."

"I don't think there can be any possible doubt that Hilary Donaldson, the girl who in an informal way is my ward, is the daughter of Antonia Merring you used to know," Harding answered slowly. "But I confess that I am very much disappointed not to have found out more here about her father. He must have had some relations, or her mother surely had belongings. They are obviously the people who should take charge of Hilary. But where are they? Who are they? Who were her mother's relations even if it is impossible to find out anything about her father's family?"

"I wish I could help you, but I am as ignorant as you are. It makes me sad to think that Marion, the youngest of the Merring girls, should be in the queer, nervous condition you describe. Dear me, dear me, and she was such a bright, pretty child. I conclude," he added after a pause, "I conclude from what you say, that Hilary Donaldson is practically unprovided for?"

"Not entirely. Sir Luke Framley, whose car was the cause of her mother's death, has been most generous. He insisted upon settling a thousand pounds upon her, so that she should, at any rate, never be in actual want. He behaved with the greatest kindness."

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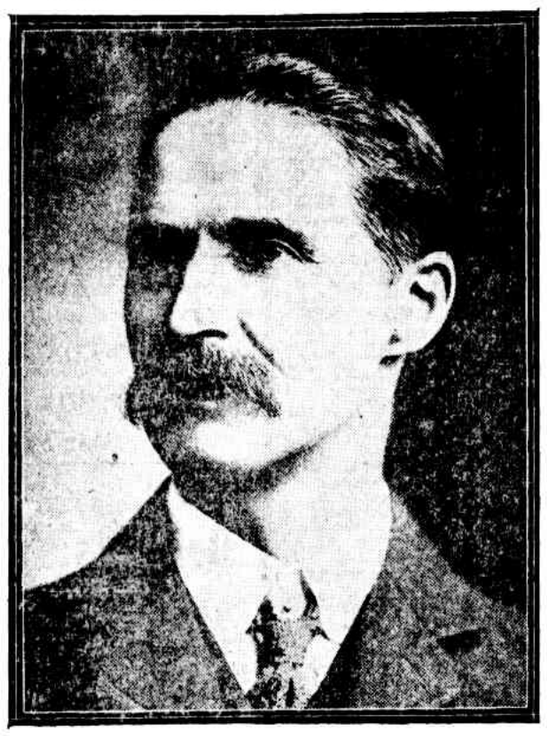
NEW BRITISH PRIME MINISTER.



MR. ANDREW BONAR LAW.

A DISTINGUISHED JUDGE.

SIR HENRY STEPHEN,

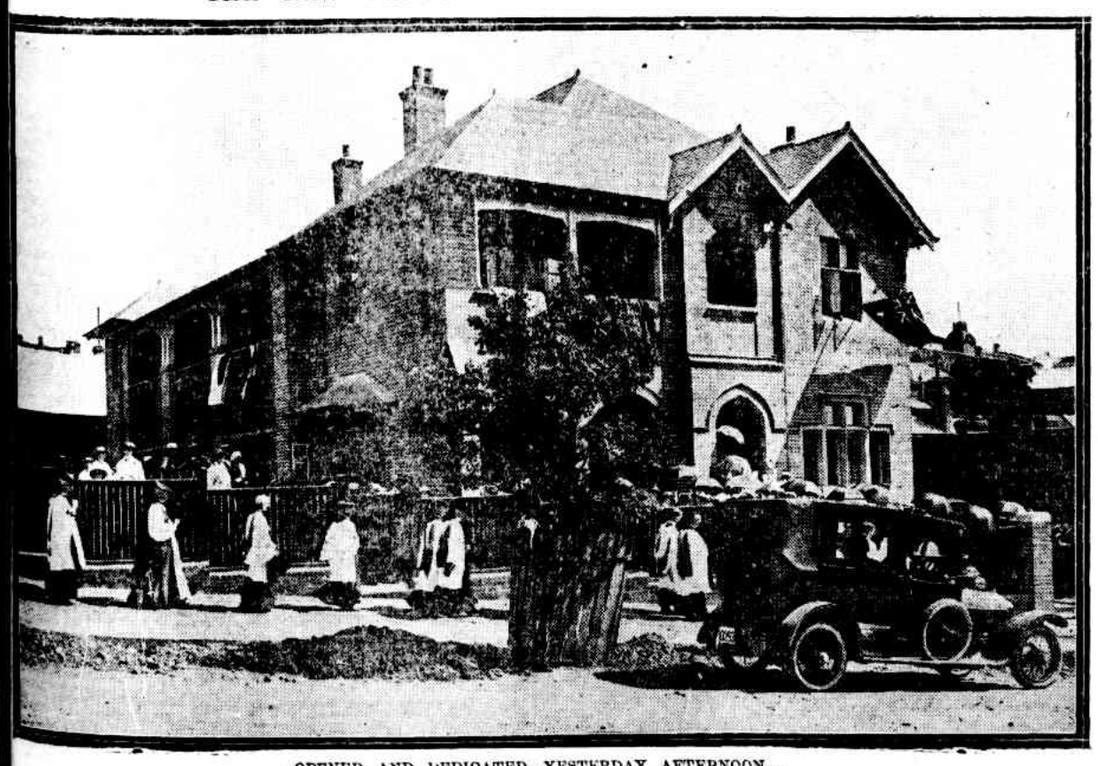
Who celebrated the 88th anniversary of his birth on Tuesday last.

FIRE AT RANDWICK.

At about 3.30 yesterday afternoon a fire destroyed the residence of Mr. Malcolm Greentail, in Rainbow-street, Randwick. The cottage—a four-roomed one—owned by the International Investment Company, was insured for £300 in the Australian Mutual Insurance Company whilst the contents were insured for £300 in the Triton Insurance Company.

A four-roomed weatherboard and iron cottage adjoining, owned and occupied by Mr. W. G. Farnes, was slightly damaged.

THE NEW DEACONESS HOUSE AT NEWTOWN.



OPENED AND DEDICATED YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.

AUCTION SALES.

INGLIS'S BAZAAR,
CAMPERDOWN
(CITY).

THIS DAY,
Commencing at 10.30 Sharp.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, as under:—

AT 10.30 A.M.
HEAVY AND LIGHT HORSES, FURNOUTS, VEHICLES OF ALL DESCRIPTIONS.

AT 11.30 A.M.
On account of OWNER.
BAY PONY COB GELDING, broken to saddle and harness, thoroughly quiet and reliable; RUBBER-TYRED SULKY, with lamps, and Set of RUBBER AND GOLD HARNESS, suiting a first-class turnout; also CHESTNUT GELDING, 6 years, broken to harness; 8 SQUARE VAN, and Set of HARNESS; and BLACK PONY MARE, about 12 hands, broken to saddle and harness, VERY QUIET.

MILCH COWS.

THIS DAY, THURSDAY, AT 11 A.M.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will hold their usual Weekly Sale of MILCH COWS at their Yards, Quay-street, as above. The following will be the Order of Sale, viz.:—Messrs. M'INTOSH BROS., BUFFIER, and ANSCHAU
60 FIRST-CLASS MILCH COWS, in full milk, and picked from some of the best dairies in the Southern and Hunter districts.

INGLIS'S BAZAAR,
CAMPERDOWN
(CITY).

TO-MORROW (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON,
AT 2 O'CLOCK.

64 HIGH-CLASS HORSES. 64

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, as above,
On account Mr. D. GLEESON, Brownsville.
4 LIGHT HARNESS HORSES. Particulars at Sale.

On account Mr. JNO. KNIGHT, Braidwood.
20 WELL-BRED LIGHT HORSES, 2 to 6 years old, originally bred by BLOOD HORSE by CHURCHILL and the TROTTING STALLION PLAIN BILL, all in good condition, broken and unbroken.
*** Among the lot is a BLACK COLT, 6 years, by the THOROUGHBRED HORSE DIM WHIPPLEE from a MARE by ALBURY, by the AUSTRALIAN PEER.

On account Messrs. J. P. CARRIGAN and SONS, Locke Allen, Moree.
40 HIGH-CLASS HORSES (direct from the Station), comprising
About TWENTY GOOD HEAVY and MEDIUM DRAUGHTS, LOBBS, and VAN SORTS, the balance STRONG, UPSTANDING LIGHT HARNESS HORSES and HACKNEYS, 4 to 6 years old, in good condition, broken and unbroken.

HORSES. HORSES. HORSES.
70 HEAD. 70 HEAD.
BEALE'S SALEYARDS, HOMEBUSH (SYDNEY).
SATURDAY NEXT, DECEMBER 9, 1.30 P.M.
J. BEALE AND CO. will sell by auction, 70 HEAD OF FRESH COUNTRY HORSES, comprising all classes, Broken and Unbroken. Fuller particulars later. Also several Solos and other Turnouts. Auctioneers' Offices: 250 Pitt-street, Sydney. Tels.: City 2251 and 2252.

SPECIAL CATTLE SALE.
1000 HEAD. 1000.
MOSS VALE YARDS,
FRIDAY, DEC. 8th, 1916, at 1.30 p.m.

WYNNE AND INGLIS will sell by auction, at the Moss Vale Yards, on FRIDAY, DEC. 8th, at 1.30 p.m., 1000 HEAD MIXED CATTLE, comprising
20 Springing Cows and Heifers.
25 Cows and Calves.
20 Fat Cows and Heifers.
250 Good-condition Young Store Cows.
100 Steers, 18 months to 2 years.
100 Steers, 2 to 3 years.
50 Heifers, 2 years.
100 Heifers, 18 months to 2 years.
50 Heifers, 12 months.
125 Mixed Poddies.
30 Choice Dairy Heifers, 12 to 18 months, from Stud Book Cows.

GOOD DROVERS WILL BE AVAILABLE.

TRUCKS secured to load Monday after Sale.
CAMDEN CATTLE SALE,
NEXT SATURDAY, 1 O'CLOCK.

300 HEAD.

W. G. WATSON will sell, at his Yards, Camden, on account various owners,
50 Choice Forward and Backward Springing Heifers, from 2 to 4 years.
20 Cows, with calves at foot.
20 Forward and Backward Springing Cows.
20 Store Cows.
120 Steers, from 1 to 2 years.
70 Heifers, from 1 to 3 years.

Cattle paddocked and trucked free of charge to any outside buyers. Good drovers in attendance.

HORSES. HORSES.
CAMPBIE SALEYARDS,
Beamish-street (near station).
THIS DAY,
2.30 p.m.
H. S. BUTLEDGE, AUCTIONEER,
Beamish-street, Campsie.

MOSSMAN and ELLIS will sell by Auction at their Stores, Thomas-st. off George-st South (near Railway). This Day, Eggs, Butter, Honey, etc., etc., and a large quantity of Poultry of every description. EGGS, BUTTER, HONEY, ETC., at 1.30 p.m. sharp. POULTRY, BIRDS, GAME, ETC., at 2.15 p.m. sharp.

THE POULTRY FARMERS CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY, Ltd., will sell by auction at their Salerooms, 3 and 4 Municipal Poultry Markets, Ultimo, THIS DAY:—
At 12.30 p.m.: Eggs, Fruit, Sundries, etc.
At 1.30 p.m.: Poultry of all descriptions, Suckers, etc.

TO-MORROW, FRIDAY,
AT THE BURWOOD SALEROOMS (close to stn.),
AT 11 A.M., AND CONTINUING THROUGHOUT THE DAY,
SUPERIOR HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE AND EFFECTS, REMOVED TO THESE SPACIOUS ROOMS FOR CONVENIENCE OF SALE, COMPRISING:—
ROSEWOOD DRAWING ROOM SUITE (5 PIECES, WITH CHINA CABINET TO MATCH.
WALNUT CABINET, WALNUT OCC. CHAIRS, WALNUT DRAWING ROOM TABLE.
2 WALNUT PIANOS, by well-known makers.
DOUBLE AND SINGLE OAK BEDROOM SUITES.
WALNUT BEDROOM SUITE, DOUBLE AND SINGLE BEDSTEADS AND BEST BEDDING.
BEDROOM SUITES, CHAMFER CHEST OF DRAWERS, COMB. CHESTS.
WALNUT AND OAK SIDEBOARDS, OAK and WALNUT DINING ROOM SUITES.
3 FINE PARIAN MARBLE FIGURES, OIL PAINTINGS, and PICTURES.
ROLL TOP DESKS, ENCLOSED BOOKSHELVES, Dining and other Tables, Enclosed Kitchen Dressers, EUREKA GAS STOVE, NO. 605, "Searchlight" Fuel Stove, in perfect order.
THREE LOUNGE, OTTOMAN COUCH, Easy Chairs, etc.

STRONGMAN AND WATKIN, AUCTIONEERS AND EXPERT VALUERS,
BURWOOD-ROAD, BURWOOD. 'PHONE, UB99.
THIS DAY,
JOHN P. LISTER will sell by auction, at his rooms, 399 Pitt-street, the Unredeemed Pledges pawned with Mr. H. E. Phipps, at 414 Oxford-st, Paddington, At 11 o'clock, Clothing, Boots, Blankets, etc. At 2.30 o'clock, SUNDRIES, of every description. At 3 o'clock, GOLD and DIAMOND JEWELLERY.

AUCTION SALES.

TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8,
COMMENCING AT
10.30 O'CLOCK A.M. PROMPT.

IMPORTANT UNRESERVED SALE BY AUCTION.

AT THE CENTRAL COMMODIOUS SALE ROOMS of
JAMES R. LAWSON,
196 AND 198 CASTLEREAGH-STREET,
NEAR PARK-STREET.

The Whole of the
SUPERIOR FURNITURE AND EFFECTS
and
GENERAL HOUSEHOLD APPOINTMENTS
REMOVED FROM
VERDUN,
CLANALPINE-STREET and SHAFTSBURY-ROAD, EASTWOOD,
including
GLASS, CHINA, and ELECTROPLATE.

FUMED OAK DINING ROOM FURNITURE,
comprising
ARTISTIC MODERN 5ft SIDEBOARD,
DINNER WAGGON,
TELESCOPE EXTENSION DINING TABLE.
SUITE OF TWO CARVERS AND SIX DINING CHAIRS, UPHOLSTERED IN LEATHER.

DEEP-SEATED EASY CHAIRS.

DARK OAK MISSION DESIGN SUITE, OF SETTEE, TWO LARGE EASY CHAIRS, AND SIX SMALL CHAIRS.

LARGE CHESTERFIELD COUCH,
AND COMFORTABLE DIVAN EASY CHAIRS.

AXMINSTER AND BRUSSELS CARPETS.

JACOBEAN BEDROOM SUITE,
in
DARK FUMED ENGLISH OAK.

FUMED OAK AND MAPLE BEDROOM SUITES,
and
AN EXTENSIVE CATALOGUE
of
SUPERIOR FURNITURE AND APPOINTMENTS, TO BE SOLD WITHOUT ANY RESERVE.

MAGNIFICENT BLUTHNER PIANOFORTE.

FULL SIZE, UPRIGHT MODEL, IN WALNUT CASE, PRACTICALLY NEW. THIS VERY FINE INSTRUMENT SHOULD APPEAL TO ALL MUSICIANS.

A SUPERB UPRIGHT PIANOFORTE,
by
JOHN BRINSMEAD AND SONS, LONDON.

And
SEVERAL EXCELLENT PIANOFORTES,
BY WELL-KNOWN AND REPUTED MAKERS.

ELECTRO-PLATE.

36 DOZEN ASSORTED TABLE PLATE OF SUPERIOR QUALITY AND IN FIRST-CLASS CONDITION.
50 DOZEN ASSORTED NICKEL SILVER TABLE PLATE (Walker and Hall).

Also,
AT 12 O'CLOCK NOON,
CLEMENT TALBOT MOTOR CAR,
23 H.P. TOURING MODEL, RECENTLY THOROUGHLY OVERHAULED, AND IN GOOD RUNNING ORDER WITH LAMPS, HOOD, SPARE TUBES, TOOLS, Etc., Etc.

LADY'S ROVER BICYCLE,
WITH FREEWHEEL AND BRAKE. NEARLY NEW.
*** ON VIEW THIS DAY, THURSDAY, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

MOTOR CAR ON VIEW FROM 2.30 AFTERNOON.

JAMES R. LAWSON,
VALUATOR,
FINE ART, FURNITURE, AND GENERAL AUCTIONEER,
196 AND 198 CASTLEREAGH-STREET,
NEAR PARK-STREET.

TELEPHONE, 7456 CITY.

TO-DAY, THURSDAY,
AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK SHARP,
AT OUR SALEROOMS,
No. 200 CASTLEREAGH-STREET,
FOUR DOORS SOUTH OF PARK-STREET,
Under instructions from
A LEADING MANUFACTURER OF
LEATHER GOODS,
owing to their relinquishing their
CITY SAMPLE ROOMS, and
DOING BUSINESS DIRECT FROM THEIR FACTORY.

A very large assortment of
BEST QUALITY FINISHED LEATHER GOODS IN CABIN and TRAVELLING TRUNKS, of various sizes and patterns.
KIT BAGS OF ALL DESCRIPTIONS.
SUIT CASES IN LEATHER, FIBRE, and CANVAS.
MANGOLIN, BANJO, and VIOLIN CASES, in Hide and Fibre.

A large and varied assortment of
LADIES' AND MEN'S BELTS, IN HIDE AND WEB.

LEATHER WATCH WRISTLETS.
GENT.'S COLLAR BOXES, in LEATHER, and
A very large Quantity of
MANUFACTURED LEATHER GOODS,
Too Numerous to Mention.

***THIS SALE SHOULD APPEAL TO THE TRADE, CITY AND COUNTRY STOREKEEPERS, AND ALL OTHERS CONCERNED, AS GOODS OF THIS DESCRIPTION VERY RARELY SEE THE AUCTION ROOM.

*** ON VIEW FROM 9 O'CLOCK.

ON ACCOUNT OF THE UNDERWRITERS.
Ex S.S. HURUNUI (faults, if any).
125 KEGS OF PHOSPHATE OF SODA (each 1cwt net).

***BULK OPEN FOR INSPECTION AT OUR ROOMS.

Ex S.S. "ORSOVA" (With All Faults).
225 VOLUMES CHILDREN'S BOOKS.
ONE BALE PITH CANE.
25 CASES CUPS AND SAUCERS, EA. 36 DOZEN.
30 PIECES KHAKI DRILL, 28in—1741 YARDS.
114 GROSS ASSORTED COLLAR SUPPORTS.
1356 GROSS SILK BUTTONS.

DEAN, VALANTINE, AND COMPANY,
GENERAL AUCTIONEERS,
250 CASTLEREAGH-STREET.
TELEPHONE, CITY 2962.

UNREDEEMED PLEDGES.
THIS DAY, DECEMBER 7, AT 11 A.M.
A. G. JENKINS has been instructed by the N.S.W. Mont de Piete D. and I. Co., Ltd., to sell by auction, at his Rooms, 261 Pitt-street, all the Company's Unredeemed Clothing, as advertised on November 28.
MEN'S AND WOMEN'S WEARING APPAREL, Etc.

TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, AT 2 O'CLOCK,
under instructions from
THE PUBLIC TRUSTEE
In the Estate of Charles L. Smith, Deceased, on the Premises, 29 DARDYSHIRE-STREET, LEICHHARDT.
STOCK-IN-TRADE, GROCERIES, Etc.
A. G. JENKINS
will sell as above To-morrow Afternoon.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, AT 11 A.M.
A. G. JENKINS
has been instructed by
THE PUBLIC TRUSTEE
to sell by Auction,
AT HIS ROOMS, 261 PITT-STREET,
A LARGE QUANTITY OF JEWELLERY,
Including Watches, Rings, Chains, etc., etc., BEAUTIFUL IVORY BASKET OR JEWEL CABINET.
For Extended Advt. see Saturday's paper.

TO HEADS OF FAMILIES, DEALERS, AND OTHERS.
500 LOTS OF SUPERIOR CLOTHING, BOOTS, etc.
THIS DAY, THURSDAY, AT 2 O'CLOCK,
HENRY LEVY will sell by auction, at his Rooms, 185 Regent-street, Sydney, on account Mr. A. Barnett, Men's Suits, Shirts, Trousers, Boots, Mercery, Dresses, Skirts, Blouses, Shoes, Underclothing, Quilts, Remnants, Bed, Table Linen, Pictures, Cutlery, etc.

AUCTION SALES.

W. A. LITTLE
WILL SELL BY AUCTION,
IN HIS GREAT SALEROOMS,
42 CASTLEREAGH-STREET,
AT TOP OF MOORE-STREET,
DIRECTLY OPPOSITE THE HOTEL AUSTRALIA.
THIS DAY, THURSDAY, DEC. 7,
AT 10.30 A.M. SHARP,
VALUABLE FURNITURE, BRONZES, PICTURES, and WORKS OF ART, PIANOFORTE, PIANOLA, Etc., Etc.
REMOVED FROM THE RESIDENCE,
BRIAN BRI,
ETHAM-AVENUE,
DARLING POINT,
TO MY ROOMS FOR CONVENIENCE OF SALE.

Also,
VALUABLE MODERN FURNITURE,
PIANOFORTES, Etc., Etc.
REMOVED FROM T. AND G. FLATS, and FROM SEVERAL SUBURBAN RESIDENCES.
INCLUDING
GLASS, CHINA, AND ELECTROPLATE.

AXMINSTER AND BRUSSELS CARPETS.

MODERN DINING ROOM FURNITURE, MISSION DESIGN SUITES, SIDEBOARDS, IN MAPLE AND WALNUT.

VERY FINE SETTEE SUITE,
UPHOLSTERED IN FABRICOID,
SUITABLE FOR BILLIARD ROOM OR LIBRARY.

WALNUT ESCRITOIRE BOOKCASE.
OLD JAVANESE TWOFOLD SCREEN, WITH GROTESQUE FIGURES INLAID IN GOLD, IN OAK FRAME.

ITALIAN WALNUT BEDROOM SUITE,
SIZE 6FT 6IN. FOUR PIECES.
BEDROOM SUITES,
FOR BOTH DOUBLE AND SINGLE ROOMS.
LARGE WALNUT WARDROBE.
NICKEL AND ENAMEL BEDSTEADS,
ITALIAN TOPS, AND WOVEN WIRE MATTRESSES.

LUXURIOUS CHESTERFIELD,
IN SHADOW TISSUE, LINEN AND PANTASOTE, HANDSOME THREE-PIECE SETTEE SUITES, SINGER DROPHEAD SEWING MACHINE, GAS STOVES, RALEIGH, EUREKA, AND THE MAIN, BATH HEATERS, ICE CHESTS, and
A LARGE AND MISCELLANEOUS ASSORTMENT OF
USEFUL HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and EFFECTS, TO BE SOLD WITHOUT RESERVE.

AT 12 O'CLOCK NOON,
DOUBLE MANUAL AND PEDAL BELL ORGAN, WITH 17 STOPS, HAND AND FOOT LEVER BELLOWS. REPUTED COST ONE HUNDRED GUINEAS IN ENGLAND.

PIPE ORGAN,
BY CLOUGH AND WARREN, WITH FOOT, KNEE, AND HAND BELLOWS.
*** Both the above Instruments are in splendid order, and would be specially suited for either the Home, the Church, or the Chapel.
INSPECTION IS INVITED.

PIANOLAS, PIANOS, BILLIARD TABLE, 6 CASES PIANOLA RECORDS (about 1000 Rolls).
DOCTOR'S CHAIR, UPHOLSTERED IN STAMPED LEATHER, WITH ADJUSTABLE BACK, AND FITTED WITH FOOT AND HAND LEVERS.

TWO MAMMOTH SATSUMA VASES,
STANDING FIVE FEET HIGH.

OFFICE FURNITURE,
FULL PEDESTAL OAK CUTLER DESK, 54 INCHES, FLAT TOP, WITH 19 DRAWERS.

OAK ROLL-TOP DESK, 5ft 6in.
MADE BY THE MOSS DESK CO.
COMPLETELY FITTED WITH PIGEONHOLES, RACKS, CABINETS, AND DRAWERS UNDER.

OFFICE AND TYPEWRITER TABLES,
CHAIRS AND GENERAL OFFICE REQUISITES,
HOLDFAST RAPID SEALING MACHINES,
REMINGTON NO. 2 TYPEWRITER,
IRON SAFES,
VARIOUS SIZES.

MOTOR CARS,
S.P.A., 12-H.P., 4-CYLINDER, 5-SEATER, GEARS, THREE SPEEDS, FORWARD AND REVERSE, FIVE TYRES, 5 LAMPS, GENERATOR, HORN, 2 INNER TUBES, PUMP, JACK, AND TYRE LEVERS.
*** IN GOOD RUNNING ORDER.

THE FRENCH "BABY" MOTOR CAR,
6/8 H.P., TWO-SEATER, AND LARGE BOOT, WITH HOOD, SCREEN, WIRE WHEELS, 3 LIGHTS, 4 SPEEDS, FORWARD AND REVERSE. IN GOOD RUNNING ORDER.

F.N. MOTOR CYCLE,
2¾ H.P., Single-cylinder, 2-speed, free engine, lamp, and bell, etc.

PICTURES,
VERY FINE ORIGINAL WORKS,
by
MISS MARY E. EDWARDS,
INCLUDING
SEVERAL WHICH WERE RECENTLY EXHIBITED AT THE ROYAL ART SOCIETY'S EXHIBITION.
*** Miss Edwards is an Exhibitor at the Paris Salon and kindred Societies. One of her Works was recently purchased by the National Art Gallery.
OTHER WORKS BY EMINENT ARTISTS,
INCLUDING
N. TINDALL, W. BOHL, V. HARDEN, M. MARSHALL, J. THOMSON, M. W. KIMBELL, R. A. KRAUSE, J. SWINTON DISTON, G. F. GREGORY ALLCOT, and
W. SIDNEY COOPER.
A SERIES OF ELEVEN ENGRAVINGS of NAPOLEON, MARIE ANTOINETTE, AND OTHER CELEBRITIES.

JEWELLERY,
ON ACCOUNT OF A LADY LEAVING FOR ENGLAND,
A VERY HANDSOME AND VALUABLE
DIAMOND TIARA,
WITH ABOUT 250 LARGE AND SMALL STONES.

DIAMOND NECKLET OR PENDANT, SET IN PLATINUM.
DIAMOND MARQUISE RING, Etc., Etc.

ON VIEW THIS (THURSDAY) MORNING, PRIOR TO SALE, FROM 9 O'CLOCK.

W. A. LITTLE,
EXPERT VALUATOR AND AUCTIONEER
OF
THE FINE ARTS, FURNITURE, AND GENERAL HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS,
42 CASTLEREAGH-STREET,
AT TOP OF MOORE-STREET, DIRECTLY OPPOSITE THE HOTEL AUSTRALIA.

TELEPHONE, CITY 4936.

THIS DAY, AT 11 A.M., THIS DAY,
at the centrally situated Rooms, opposite the Railway.
Large and well-assorted Furniture sent here for Absolute Sale, comprising:—
DINING SUITES in Oak, Cedar, Rosewood, Cane, and Upholstered; Seven Sideboards, Extension and Dining Room Tables, 4 Iron Frame Pianos, Austrian Chairs, Overmantels, Pictures, Vases, and Ornaments, Afternoon Tea Sets, Cutlery, etc.
Oak and Walnut Suites, various sizes; Single and Double Wardrobes, Toilets, Combinations, Marble-top Washstands, Bedroom Chairs, Commodes.
BEDSTEADS, BEDSTEADS, BEDSTEADS.—Over 50 Single, ¾ and Double, complete. Three Gas Stoves, also Fuel and Electric Cooking Ranges.
Incubator, Ice Chest, Cisterns, Soda Fountain, Show Cases, etc., etc., etc.
LINO., LINO., LINO.—A quantity of new and second-hand, suit any room. KITCHEN DRESSERS, Safes, Chairs, Crockery, and Utensils of every kind, sundries of all descriptions.

STOKES AND CO., AUCTIONEERS,
280 ELIZABETH ST, OPP. RAILWAY.
Outdoor Sales a Specialty. Prompt Settlements.
CITY.—FRIDAY, AT 11 A.M.
At 63 HOLT-STREET, (Near Elizabeth-street.
Five Rooms of CLEAN HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, WITHOUT RESERVE.
STOKES AND CO., 280 ELIZABETH-STREET.
City, 951.

PADDINGTON.
TO-MORROW (FRIDAY), AT 11 O'CLOCK,
Under instructions from Mr. MITCHELL, at
203 GLENMORE-ROAD (Near Five Ways),
THE CONTENTS OF A 6-ROOMED HOUSE,
comprising:—
Sideboard, Bedroom Suite, Single and Double Bedsteads and Bedding, Combination Chests, Washstands, Wardrobes, Dining and Kitchen Tables, Dining-room Suite, Kitchen Furniture, Linoleums, Carpets, Rugs, Pictures, Ornaments, Kitchen Utensils, Crockery, Linen, Blankets, Cutlery, etc.
NO RESERVE.
ON VIEW FROM 9 O'CLOCK DAY OF SALE.

RUBE ZIONS,
AUCTIONEER AND VALUATOR,
250 PITT-STREET.
Telephone, City 866.

AUCTION SALES.

THIS (THURSDAY) MORNING, AT 11.
SECOND CLEARING SALE.
THE FIRST LOT OFFERED FOR YEARS.
CITY-ROAD.
FANCY GOODS, TOYS, XMAS PRESENTS TO THE TRADE, FANCY GOODS MERCHANTS, DEALERS, SPECULATORS, AND PRIVATE BUYERS.
AT AUCTION,
on the First Floor of our COMMODIOUS ROOMS,
66, 68 CITY ROAD, OPP. UNIVERSITY,
A LARGE AND VARIED ASSORTMENT of THE ABOVE GOODS.
Are a First-class Lot, and have never seen daylight before.
IN LOTS TO SUIT PURCHASERS.
In good order, and with all faults, as in former years.
***UNRESERVED ABSOLUTELY, including
Mechanical Toys, Dolls, in China, Wax, Celluloid, etc.; Children's Suites of Furniture, Blocks, Games, Musical Instruments, Hobby and Rocking Horses, Magic Lanterns, Concertinas, Violins, Kettle Drums, Rubber Goods, Balls, Fixtures, Dolls, etc.; Children's China Tea Sets, Balloons, Children's Bedsteads, Cots, Block Houses, Railway Engines, Trains, Bicycles, Motor Cars, Perambulators, Fans, Soldiers' Uniforms, Flags, Rifles, Swords, Miniature Cannons, etc., etc., etc.
E. H. BRODRIBB,
under instructions from the various Vendors, will sell as above.
TAKE POSSESSION IMMEDIATELY on the fall of the hammer, directly after the sale, or on following morning.
AUCTIONEER'S ROOMS, CITY-ROAD.
We are now open to receive Actually Unreserved Goods of this class for Sale at Auction up to Xmas week, and as in former years guarantee a quick sale and immediate settlements.

AUCTION FURNITURE SALE.
TO-MORROW (FRIDAY),
AT
THE COMMODIOUS SALEROOMS,
66-68 CITY ROAD,
CITY.
FIRST CLASS PIANOS and ORGANS, all up to date, DRAWING, DINING, HALL, DOUBLE AND SINGLE BEDROOM APPOINTMENTS.
KITCHEN, YARD, AND LAUNDRY UTENSILS.
CROCKERY, GLASSWARE, CUTLERY, VASES, AND ORNAMENTS.
CARPETS, RUGS, and CURTAINS, equal to new.
A GOOD LOT OF SUNDRIES, in splendid order.
E. H. BRODRIBB,
66 and 68 CITY ROAD.
TEL., 682 REDFERN.

CITY.
TO THE SOFTGOODS TRADE, MANUFACTURERS, AND SPECULATORS.
In the Assigned Estate
of
WILLIAM WHITTAKER,
Mantle and Costume Manufacturer,
77 COMMONWEALTH-STREET, SYDNEY.
MONDAY NEXT, AT 11,
BY AUCTION,
The Whole of the PLANT, STOCK-IN-TRADE, AND MANUFACTURED GOODS.
E. H. BRODRIBB
will sell, on the premises, as above.
Details later.
Or
we are prepared, on account of the Trustees, to sell in one lot, as a going concern.
Satisfactory Terms may be arranged to be offered
to
A SATISFACTORY PURCHASER.
The Stock and Plant is a valuable one, new; invoice cost, £428/15/8.
Suited to a valuable clientele.
We are prepared to assent 10/- in the £, and arrange terms for ½ the purchase money.
Further particulars before Saturday, 1 o'clock, Auctioneer's Rooms and Offices, City-road. Private Sales Warehouse, 777 George-street.
Tel., 891 City.

TO-MORROW, FRIDAY,
HIGHLY ATTRACTIVE SALE BY AUCTION,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF GEORGE WIELAND, ESQ., at the
CORNER OF ABERCROMBIE AND VINE STREETS, near Cleveland street, REDFERN,
ON
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8th,
AT 11 O'CLOCK,
THE WHOLE OF HIS HIGH-CLASS FURNITURE AND EFFECTS,
OWING TO HIS DEPARTURE TO THE FRONT.
S. C. SMITH AND CO.
HAVE BEEN FAVOURED WITH INSTRUCTIONS FROM GEORGE WIELAND, ESQ., TO SELL BY AUCTION, THE WHOLE OF HIS OAK AND WALNUT HIGH-CLASS FURNITURE, INCLUDING
A MOST MAGNIFICENT ANTIQUE CABINET AND WRITING BUREAU COMBINED, BEING THE FORMER PROPERTY OF GOVERNOR OF NEW SOUTH WALES, THE LATE LORD FITZROY, BEARING THE COAT OF ARMS. THIS MAGNIFICENT CABINET, CONTAINING ABOUT 100 SECRET DRAWERS, STANDS 6 FEET HIGH AND 5 FEET WIDE.
ABSOLUTELY THE FINEST ANTIQUE CABINET IN AUSTRALIA.
IT WAS PRESENTED TO THE LATE LORD FITZROY BY THE PEOPLE OF NEW SOUTH WALES. THIS BEAUTIFUL CABINET IS MADE OF ENGLISH WALNUT, AND INLAID WITH IVORY AND MOTHER-O'-PEARL.
ALSO, A MAGNIFICENT POLYPHONE, STANDING 6 FEET HIGH, AND PLAYS 10 TUNES AT ONE SETTING, BEING A PENNY IN THE SLOT MACHINE, THE ONLY ONE IN AUSTRALIA, AND COST MR. WIELAND £160.
HANDSOME PICTURES, ORNAMENTS, VASES, IRON SAFE, BATH HEATER, GAS STOVE.
PIANO, UPRIGHT GRAND, IN WALNUT CASE, in good condition and tone, by ENGLISH MAKER (B. WARREN).
OAK SIDEBOARD, OAK DINING SUITE.
BRASS CLOCK, DINING TABLE, PEDESTAL.
WRITING DESK, REVOLVING CHAIR.
3-piece BEDROOM SUITE, Swinging Glasses on Toilets.
BAGATELLE TABLE COMPLETE.
SPLENDID TALKING PARROT.
DOUBLE and SINGLE BEDS.
TABLE and BED LINEN, Cutlery, China, and Glass.
OIL PAINTINGS, by Cornwell, E. Lawson, and Blake.
GLASS FRONTED DRESSER, SUNDRIES, etc.
ON VIEW TO-DAY, 2 TO 5.
WATCH THIS MOST IMPORTANT SALE.
TERMS CASH. NO RESERVE.
S. C. SMITH AND CO.,
AUCTIONEERS, 82 PITT-STREET.
'PHONE, 3487 CITY.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8,
AT THE CITY MART, 3 HAMILTON-STREET.
AT 11.30 A.M.
ON ACCOUNT OF WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.
WITH ALL FAULTS (If any), ex CHAKRATA, etc.
362 PACKAGES INDIAN TEAS, ASSAMS, CACHARS, DOOARS, ETC.
FRASER, UTHER, AND CO., LTD., have received instructions to sell by auction as above.
Telephone: City 8877.

BALMAIN EAST.
FURNITURE SALE,
THIS (THURSDAY) MORNING, AT 11, UNDER INST

BUILDERS, PLEASE NOTE—

THAT WE CAN SUPPLY YOUR ORDERS IN SAWN OR DRESSED TIMBER, AS WE MANUFACTURE OUR OWN ELECTRICAL POWER FOR RUNNING OUR EXTENSIVE PLANT. 'PHONE YOUR ORDERS TO

GEORGE HUDSON AND SON, LTD.,

BLACKWATTLE BAY, GLE E.

'Phone Nos.: M6081 (6 lines); City 9189.

LEGAL NOTICES.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of WILLIAM HENDERSON MOLAT, also known as WILLIAM HENDERSON, late of Indicombe, in the State of New South Wales, deceased, intestate.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Administration of the Estate of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to the PUBLIC TRUSTEE, and all persons having claims against the said Estate must render same in detail to the Public Trustee on or before the seventh day of January, 1917. T. W. GARRETT, Public Trustee, Colwulla-chambers, Castlereagh-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of CECIL PERCY HOCKEY, late of Armidale, in the State of New South Wales, and of the Australian Expeditionary Forces, on active service, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to the PUBLIC TRUSTEE, and all persons having claims against the said Estate must render same in detail to the Public Trustee on or before the seventh day of January, 1917. T. W. GARRETT, Public Trustee, Colwulla-chambers, Castlereagh-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of LEO SIDNEY DRINKWATER, late of Leichhardt, in the State of New South Wales, and of the Australian Expeditionary Forces, on active service, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Administration of the Estate, with the Will annexed, of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to the PUBLIC TRUSTEE, and all persons having claims against the said Estate must render same in detail to the Public Trustee on or before the seventh day of January, 1917. T. W. GARRETT, Public Trustee, Colwulla-chambers, Castlereagh-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of JOHN WILLIAM JOHNSON, late of Darlinghurst, in the State of New South Wales, deceased, intestate.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Administration of the Estate of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to the PUBLIC TRUSTEE, and all persons having claims against the said Estate must render same in detail to the Public Trustee on or before the seventh day of January, 1917. T. W. GARRETT, Public Trustee, Colwulla-chambers, Castlereagh-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of WILLIAM JACKSON, late of Glen Vale, Moman Flat, in the State of New South Wales, Grazier, deceased.—NOTICE is hereby given that the Seventh Accounts of the above Estate have this day been filed in my office, Chancery-square, Sydney, and all persons having any claim on the said Estate or having otherwise interest therein are required to come in before me at my said office on or before the eighteenth day of January, 1917, at 12 o'clock noon, and inspect the same, and if they shall think fit object thereto otherwise if the said accounts be not objected to the same will be examined by me and passed according to law. Dated this 30th day of November, in the year one thousand nine hundred and sixteen. R. C. MONDAY (L.S.), Registrar. HENRY D. BRAUND, Proctor for the Executors, Falmouth-chambers, 117 Pitt-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—No. 57,431.—In the Estate of JOHANNA MURPHY, usually known as ANN MURPHY, late of Inverell, in the State of New South Wales, Married Woman, deceased, intestate.—NOTICE is hereby given that the Accounts and Plan of Distribution in the above Estate have this day been filed in my office, Chancery-square, Sydney, and all persons having any claim on the said Estate or being otherwise interested therein are hereby required to come in before me at my said office on or before the eighteenth day of January, 1917, at 11.15 o'clock in the forenoon, and inspect the same, and if they shall think fit object thereto, otherwise if the said accounts be not objected to the same will be examined by me and passed according to law. Dated this sixth day of December, in the year one thousand nine hundred and sixteen. R. C. MONDAY (L.S.), Registrar. JOHN A. BOYD, solicitor, Inverell. By BAND and DREW, 2 Hunter-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of CECIL JAMES TOOSE, late of Bellevue Hill, in the State of New South Wales, Dealer, deceased, intestate.—Notice is hereby given that the First Accounts in the above Estate have this day been filed in my office, Chancery-square, Sydney, and all persons having any claim on the said Estate, or being otherwise interested therein, are hereby required to come in before me, at my said office, on or before the eighteenth day of January next, at 11.15 o'clock in the forenoon, and inspect the same, and if they shall think fit object thereto otherwise, if the said accounts be not objected to the same will be examined by me and passed according to law. Dated this sixth day of December, A.D. 1916. R. C. MONDAY (L.S.), Registrar. BOOTH and NEENAN, Proctors for the Executors, Dubbo. By their Agents, L. P. BASSETT and CORNWALL, 2 Castlereagh-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of EMILY GERLICH, late of Elizabeth Bay, near Sydney, in the State of New South Wales, Married Woman, deceased.—Pursuant to the Wills, Probate, and Administration Act, 1898.—Notice is hereby given that all Creditors and other persons having any claims or demands against or upon the Estate of the abovenamed deceased, who died at Bayville, on August 27, 1916, are hereby required to send in full particulars of their claims and demands upon the said Estate to the PERPETUAL TRUSTEE COMPANY, LIMITED, 33-39 Hunter-street, Sydney, the Executors of the Will of the said deceased, to whom Probate was granted by the Supreme Court of New South Wales, on 29th November, on or before the 19th day of January next, in default whereof the said PERPETUAL TRUSTEE COMPANY, LIMITED, will, after the last-mentioned date, proceed to administer the Estate and distribute the assets among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims and demands of which they shall then have notice, and the said Company will not be liable to any person of whose claim they shall not have had notice at the time of such distribution. Dated this 1st day of December, 1916. PERPETUAL TRUSTEE COMPANY, LIMITED, R. COPLAND LETHBRIDGE, Manager. FRANK A. DAVENPORT and SON, Proctors.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of ADA HADLEY McCLOSKEY, late of Lithgow, in the State of New South Wales, Married Woman, deceased, intestate.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Administration of the Estate of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to JOHN SHAND McCLOSKEY, of Turramurra, Manufacturer's Representative, the Husband of the said deceased, and all notices may be served upon the undersigned, and all persons having claims against the Estate of the said deceased are required to send particulars of the same to the undersigned within fourteen days from the publication hereof. And application will also be made for an Order dispensing with or reducing the usual Administration Bond. PERKINS, STEVENSON, and CO., Proctors for the Applicant, 122 Pitt-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of MARY TERESA MITCHELL, late of Quat Quatta, near Corowa, in the State of New South Wales, Married Woman, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to THOMAS MITCHELL, the sole Executor named in the said Will. And all notices may be served at the offices of FRANK A. DAVENPORT and SON, Ocean House, Moore-street, Sydney. All creditors and other persons having any claims against the Estate of the said deceased are hereby required to send in particulars of the same to the undersigned within the fourteen days aforesaid. E. REGINALD NICOLSON, Proctor for the Executor, Sturt-street, Corowa. By his Agents, FRANK A. DAVENPORT and SON, solicitors, Ocean House, Moore-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of JOSEPH ALEXANDER DE LORE, late of Tumbarumba, in the State of New South Wales, Carter and Gardener, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will and Testament of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to GEORGE THOMAS OTTO, of Lorn, near West Maitland, in the said State, Builder, the sole Executor named in the said Will. And all notices may be served at the office of the undersigned, to whom be creditors are requested to forward particulars of their claims within the said fourteen days. NORRIE and LINDSAY, Proctors for Applicant, 115 High-street, West Maitland. By their Agents, T. J. DICKSON and DICKSON, Solicitors, 32-39 Hunter-street, Sydney.

LEGAL NOTICES.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of FLORA GRACE CADBY, late of 140 Alma-road East, St. Kilda, in the State of Victoria, deceased, intestate.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that the Letters of Administration granted to LOU DE CADBY, of 142 Alma-road East, St. Kilda, Jeweller, in the Estate of the abovenamed, on the second day of November last, in the Supreme Court of Victoria in its Probate Jurisdiction, in respect of the above Estate, may be sealed with the seal of this Court. You all persons may be served at the offices of JOHN McARTHUR and SON, to whom all creditors are requested to send in particulars of their claim within the time mentioned. JOHN McARTHUR and SON, Solicitors and Proctors, Bank-chambers, Hunter-street, Sydney. Agents for CLEVERDON and FAY, Solicitors and Proctors, Queen's House, 140-146 Queen-street, Melbourne.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction. In the Will of MARY ANNE EDWARDS, late of Narrandi, in the State of New South Wales, Widow, deceased.—Notice is hereby given that the First Accounts in the above Estate have this day been filed in my Office, Chancery square, Sydney, and all persons having any claim on the said Estate, or being otherwise interested therein, are hereby required to come in before me, at my said Office, on or before the 18th day of January, at 11.15 o'clock, in the forenoon, and inspect the same, and if they shall think fit object thereto otherwise, if the said Accounts be not objected to, the same will be examined by me and passed according to law. Dated this 6th day of December, in the year one thousand nine hundred and sixteen. R. C. MONDAY (L.S.), Registrar. POTTS and BRISCOMBE, Proctors for Executors, Narrandi. By their Agents, WEAVER and ALLWORTH, 2 Martin-place, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction. In the Will of EMILY LANGHORNE ARTLETT, late of North Sydney, formerly of Middle Point, in the State of New South Wales, Widow, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will and Testament of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to DAVID MORRIS, the Executor named in the said Will, and all notices may be served at the office of the undersigned, to whom all creditors are requested to send in particulars of their claims within the time above limited. T. C. McARTHY, Proctor for the Executor, Moss Vale.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of STEWART JAMIESON McLEOD, late of Glebe, in the State of New South Wales, and of the Australian Expeditionary Forces, on active service, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Administration of the Estate with the Will annexed, of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to the PUBLIC TRUSTEE, and all persons having claims against the said Estate must render same in detail to the Public Trustee on or before the seventh day of January, 1917. T. W. GARRETT, Public Trustee, Colwulla-chambers, Castlereagh-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of WILLIAM ROBERT DUGAN, late of Dulwich Hill, formerly of Douglas Park, in the State of New South Wales, Dredge Hand, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to ANNIE WOOD, the Executrix named in the said Will, and all notices are to be served at the undermentioned address. ANNIE WOOD, Rd., Douglas Park.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of WALTER FANNES SCOBIE, late of France, formerly of Bellevue Hill, in the State of New South Wales, Electrical Engineer, deceased, intestate.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Administration of the Estate of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to ROBERT SCOBIE, the father of the said deceased, and all notices may be served at Balcon, Ramsula-road, Bellevue Hill.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of WILLIAM CHAPMAN THORP, late of Lewisham, in the State of New South Wales, Engineer, deceased, intestate.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that administration of the above-named deceased may be granted to ELIZABETH THORP, the Widow of the said deceased. WM. C. MOODIE, Proctor for Administratrix, Moree. By his Agents, BULMAN and SMITHERS, 2 Hunter-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of WILLIAM MILLER, late of Baltic-street, Newtown, in the State of New South Wales, Gentleman, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Administration, with the Will annexed, of the Estate of the abovenamed deceased, may be granted to ELIZABETH MILLER and JANE HILL MILLER, daughters of the said deceased, and all notices may be served at the office of the undersigned, to whom all claims against the Estate of the said deceased should be forwarded within the said period of fourteen days. T. MARSHALL and MARKS, Proctors for the Applicants, Cubwulla-chambers, 67 Castlereagh-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of OSCAR DUNREATH COOPER, late of Dapto, in the State of New South Wales, Sheetband Writer, deceased, intestate.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Administration of the Estate of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to ANN COOPER, the Widow of the said deceased. And all creditors to the said Estate are requested to send in particulars of their claim to the undersigned within the said period of fourteen days. And all notices may be served at the office of the undersigned. HERMAN TAMI, Proctor for the Applicant, 25 O'Connell-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of WILLIAM DAWSON, late of Braidwood, in the State of New South Wales, Farmer, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to JOHN CARLES DAWSON and ANNIE MARGARET BURKE, the Executor and Executrix in the said Will named. And all notices may be served at the office of the undersigned, to whom all claims against the said deceased should be signed. T. McHELL and GEE, Proctors for the Applicants, 92 Pitt-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of JANE MORRICE, late of Glenrock, near Maitland, in the State of New South Wales, Widow, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will and Testament of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to DAVID MORRICE, the Executor named in the said Will, and all notices may be served at the office of the undersigned, to whom all creditors are requested to send in particulars of their claims within the time above limited. T. C. McARTHY, Proctor for the Executor, Moss Vale.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of STEWART JAMIESON McLEOD, late of Glebe, in the State of New South Wales, and of the Australian Expeditionary Forces, on active service, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Administration of the Estate with the Will annexed, of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to the PUBLIC TRUSTEE, and all persons having claims against the said Estate must render same in detail to the Public Trustee on or before the seventh day of January, 1917. T. W. GARRETT, Public Trustee, Colwulla-chambers, Castlereagh-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of ANNIE SHORTALL, late of Dulwich Hill, in the State of New South Wales, Married Woman, deceased, intestate.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Administration of the Estate of the above-named deceased may be granted to MICHAEL SHORTALL, the Widower of the said deceased, and all notices may be served at Garnet-street, Dulwich Hill.

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LAW REPORT.

HIGH COURT.

SUGAR PRODUCERS' APPEAL.

The appeal by the Sugar Producers' Association, Ltd., against the refusal of the Supreme Court of Queensland to make absolute a prohibition restraining the respondents—the Australian Workers' Union—and the Queensland Industrial Court from further proceeding on an award made by Acting Judge Dickson on August 29 last is still part heard.

SUPREME COURT.

BANCO COURT.

(Before the Chief Justice and a jury of 4.)

DISPUTE AS TO BULLOCKS.

Durham v Seery.

Mr. J. A. Ferguson, instructed by Mr. John D. Kennedy, of Manilla (by his agents, Messrs. Abbot and Allen), appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. Watt and Mr. P. Helas Rogers, instructed by Mr. R. John O'Halloran, of Tamworth (by his agent, Mr. R. H. Levien), for the defendant. This was an action brought by P. D. Durham against J. J. Seery, to recover compensation from the defendant for alleged wrongful conversion of four bullocks. Plaintiff claimed £52, being the value of the bullocks at £13 each, and he also claimed for the loss and expense he had been put to in trying to recover the missing stock.

Defendant pleaded not guilty, and gave evidence that after he sold, through Mahony and Company, 80 bullocks to Gregg, they were driven back to the paddock to be kept there until trucks were available to convey them to Goulburn. Two or three days before they were trucked plaintiff saw him, and said that Korn, an adjoining land owner, had told him that there were some of his (plaintiff's) bullocks in witness's paddock, and that Korn had put them there, thinking that they belonged to witness. As they were then near the paddock where the cattle were, they rode in for the purpose of enabling plaintiff to identify his cattle, but they could not draft them satisfactorily, and it was decided to wait until the beasts were in the trucking yards. He made no arrangements for trucking the cattle, as that was a matter for the purchaser's agents, but on the afternoon when they were trucked, he rode over to the yards and saw Durham, to whom he had previously sent a messenger to notify that the cattle were being trucked. When plaintiff arrived, two trucks had already been loaded, but plaintiff inspected them, and said that none of his bullocks were among them. Subsequently, while plaintiff was proceeding with his inspection, witness said to him, "This has nothing to do with me, and it is a matter for Gregg or Wheatly and you to settle, and you can fix it up among yourselves;" and he then left the yards.

The jury returned a verdict for plaintiff, with damages, £36.

(Before the Chief Justice, without a jury.)

A MORTGAGE DEBT AND THE MORATORIUM.

Moore v Tornashi.

Mr. L. Armstrong, instructed by Mr. E. C. Bender, appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. Delohery, instructed by Messrs. Makinson and d'Apice, for the defendant. This was an action brought by Peter Moore against Gladys Muriel Tornashi, to recover the sum of £1300 upon a deed of mortgage executed by defendant on February 4, 1913, by which she covenanted to pay plaintiff the sum mentioned on February 3, 1916. Plaintiff also claimed £56 as interest due and unpaid at the agreed upon rate of £6 10s per cent. The mortgage was given in respect of defendant's interest in a property in Pitt-street.

Defendant pleaded, except as to the interest claimed and the costs of the action, that the plaintiff was precluded by a regulation or order issued under the War Precautions Act and the amending Acts, from commencing or continuing any action after September 20 without the leave of the Court, and the present action was commenced on October 3. Plaintiff was, therefore, proceeding contrary to the regulation or order referred to.

On a issue raised by this plea this Honour found for defendant in regard to the £1300, as Mr. Armstrong confessed the plea.

NO. 1 JURY COURT.

(Before Mr. Justice Pring and a jury of four.)

A MOTOR CAR ACCIDENT.

In the action brought by John N. S. Clarke against Arthur H. Walker, to recover compensation for injuries sustained in a motor car accident, a verdict by consent, was returned for plaintiff in the sum of £150. Mr. G. S. Mansfield, appeared for plaintiff, and Mr. Boyce, instructed by Messrs. Dobbin and Spier, for defendant.

NO. 2 JURY COURT.

The action Dunk v Thompson, before Mr. Justice Sly and a jury, is still part heard.

IN EQUITY.

(Before Mr. Justice Harvey.)

SCHOLES v BLUNT.

The hearing was concluded. His Honor reserved judgment.

DIVORCE COURT.

(Before Mr. Justice Gordon.)

PAPE v PAPE.

The hearing was concluded of the case in which Ferdinand Johann Carl Pape sued for divorce from Elizabeth Phillis Pape (formerly Carter), on the ground of desertion, and the latter brought a cross-petition, seeking divorce on similar grounds.

His Honor reserved judgment.

HAUB v HAUB.

In the suit of Stella Lavina Haub, against Louis Haub, the petition was withdrawn on terms filed in court. Mr. Windeyer and Mr. Hughes (instructed by Mr. L. Hogan, of Young) appeared for the petitioner; and Mr. Boyce and Mr. Markell (instructed by Mr. Campbell, of Young), for the respondent.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

(Before Mr. Justice Street.)

CONVEYANCE DECLARED VOID.

Re R. D. Raglus.

In giving judgment in the official assignee's application to declare a conveyance void, his Honor said that the bankrupt, Daniel Raglus, on September 26, 1908, transferred to the respondent, Mrs. Martha Eugene Nagle, a farm containing about 17 acres. He did this in consideration of the fact that she had looked after him in the past, and had promised to continue doing so while he lived. Bankrupt reserved the right to use the land during his life. He released this right in 1911, in order to assist the respondent to raise money. In May, 1913, he conveyed to her another block of land of seven acres. Raglus's estate was sequestrated in July last, and the official assignee claimed that the last conveyance (May, 1913) was void, as against him. His Honor held that the conveyance was void, as against the official assignee, under section 55 of the Bankruptcy Act. An order was made to that effect, and also restraining the respondent from dealing with the said land to the prejudice of the official assignee. The respondent was ordered to pay the costs of the motion. Mr. Loxton, K.C., and Mr. Collins (instructed by Mr. E. S. Dunhill) appeared for the official assignee; and Mr. Mann and Mr. Alan Lloyd (instructed by Mr. A. G. H. Gardner, agent for Mr. L. A. Lane, of Orange) for the respondent.

(Before the Registrar.)

HEARING OF CREDITOR'S PETITION.

Re Alexander Frater, ex parte James Martin and Co., Ltd. Mr. Horace G. F. Walker appeared for the petitioning creditor. A sequestration order was made, and Mr. W. H. Palmer appointed official assignee.

MOTION FOR RELEASE.

Re Richard Tilden Smith. Mr. Frank Davenport appeared for the applicant. Adjourned till to-day.

CERTIFICATE APPLICATIONS.

Re George Bellingham. Adjourned generally.

Re Robert Allison Phillips (insolvency). Adjourned till to-day.

Re Emily Barlow. Adjourned to the 12th inst. to answer official assignee's report.

MEETINGS AND EXAMINATIONS.

Re Daniel Charles Collins. Bankrupt was further examined by the official assignee under section 20. Adjourned generally.

Re George Benjamin Marsh. The section 20 examination was closed.

Re Frederick Ward. Adjourned till to-day.

Re Herbert Alexander Smith, deceased. The meeting closed, and the public examination was concluded.

Re Charles M'Pherson Pattinson. The meeting closed and the public examination was concluded.

INDUSTRIAL COURT.

(Before Mr. Acting Justice Scholes.)

HOSKINS QUARRIES' BOARD.

Mr. Nicholls, on behalf of G. and C. Hoskins, Ltd., appeared for the variation of the constitution of the Iron and Shipbuilding Trades group No. 7 (G. and C. Hoskins' Quarries) Board, reducing the number of representatives to one on each side. The application was refused, and Mr. Nicholls nominated Mr. R. J. Burns, accountant, of G. and C. Hoskins, Ltd., Lithgow, as employers' representative, in place of Mr. H. G. Hoskins (deceased). Mr. Moffatt appeared on behalf of the A.W.U. (Railway Workers' Industry Branch).

SAWMILLERS' AWARD.

The hearing was commenced of the cross-appeals by the New South Wales Sawmill and Timber Yards Employees' Association and the Chief Commissioner for Railways, against the award of the Government Railways No. 6 (Sawmillers) Board. Mr. M. Henwood appeared for the union, and Mr. Bretnall for the Chief Commissioner. The matter is part heard.

DISTRICT COURT.

(Before Judge Backhouse.)

DEFECTIVE FLOORING.

Marie Webb, of Nelson-street, Penshurst, sued Ernest Albert Kennedy, of Penshurst, carpenter, for negligence. The plaintiff stated that she was employed scrubbing a floor for defendant. The floor was so defective that she fell and was scalded by hot water, which she was carrying. She claimed £100 compensation. The defence was a denial of the alleged negligence. Mr. R. H. Levien appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. W. Parker for the defendant. A verdict was returned for the plaintiff for £12.

(Before Judge Docker.)

PUBLIC TRUSTEE v A. RAMACCIOTTI.

Thomas William Garrett, as Public Trustee of the estate of Luigi Aliverti, deceased, sued Angelo Ramacciotti, of Pitt-street, Sydney, electric sign-writer. The statement of claim set out that Aliverti died intestate, and that he had lent defendant £300. That amount, with £68 6s 5d interest, was claimed. The defence was that the money was not lent to the defendant, but to a firm of the same name, and that £37 of the amount claimed was satisfied. Mr. Linton, of Messrs. Perkins, Stevenson, and Co., appeared for the plaintiff; and Mr. George Croaker for the defendant. By consent a verdict for the plaintiff for the amount claimed was returned.

QUARTER SESSIONS.

(Before Judge Hamilton and Juries.)

Mr. C. A. White, Crown Prosecutor.

WIFE DECLINES TO GIVE EVIDENCE.

Stanley William Ford, 28, pleaded not guilty to maliciously inflicting grievous bodily harm upon Amelia Deborah Ford, his wife, with intent thereby to do grievous bodily harm.

When Mrs. Ford was called she declined to give evidence against her husband.

Mr. White said that, under the circumstances, the case could not proceed further.

His Honor accordingly directed an acquittal, and Ford was discharged. Mr. Spear appeared for the defence.

YOUTH ACQUITTED.

John Walter Stewart, 17, was charged with stealing 20 tins of paint, 20 tins of varnish, 20 tins of woodstain, and a pair of trousers, the property of Arthur Thomas Hammond, at Sydney, on November 22.

Accused, who conducted his own case, was acquitted.

THEFT ADMITTED.

Charles Brown, 24, pleaded guilty to stealing a large quantity of goods, the property of Messrs. Grace Bros., by whom he was employed, on November 10.

His Honor sentenced accused to nine months' hard labour in Goulburn Gaol, to be followed by a further period of nine months unless accused entered into recognizances to be of good behaviour for 12 months.

LAW NOTICES.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7.

HIGH COURT OF AUSTRALIA.

At Darlinghurst Courthouse.—At 10.30 a.m.: Motions. Appeals

FUNERALS.

ANDERSON.—The Friends of the late JOHN ANDERSON are kindly invited to attend his Funeral, to move from his late residence, Francis-street, Lidcombe, THIS THURSDAY, at 2 o'clock, for C. of E. Cemetery, Rookwood.
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CLARKE.—The Relatives and Friends of Mr. and Mrs. JAMES E. CLARKE, of 87 Ben Boyd road, Neutral Bay, are invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved INFANT SON, Bruce Rodwell Clarke; to leave the Mortuary Station, Regent-street, city, THIS DAY, at 1.45 p.m. for Church of England Cemetery, Rookwood.
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CLAYTON.—The Funeral of the late Sarah Jane, WIFE of JOSEPH EDWARD CLAYTON, will leave her son's residence, Hobart, Station and Hawson streets, Newtown, on FRIDAY, December 8, at 1.30 p.m., for Rookwood Cemetery.

DIGNAN.—The Friends of KATIE and PATRICK DIGNAN, of Millers Point, are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly beloved MOTHER, to take place at Rookwood Cemetery, Rookwood, THIS DAY (Thursday). Friends kindly take funeral train leaving Moriarty's, Sydney, at 1.30 p.m.

ELLIS.—The Friends of Mr. HUGH WILLIAMS ELLIS are kindly invited to attend his Funeral, to leave his late residence, Loretto, Darvall-street, Balmain, THIS (Thursday) AFTERNOON, at 12.30 p.m., for Rookwood Cemetery. By request no flowers.
W. N. BULL,
Funeral Director.

ELLIS.—A Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of the late HUGH WILLIAMS ELLIS will be celebrated at St. Augustine's Church, Balmain, THIS MORNING, at 8 o'clock.

FRASER.—The Friends of Mrs. J. S. FRASER and FAMILY, of Cooper-street, Granville, are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her beloved HUSBAND and our FATHER, John S. Fraser; to leave R. Metcalfe's Funeral Parlours, Church-street, Parramatta, THIS DAY, at 4.30 p.m., for Western-road Cemetery, Parramatta.
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FRASER.—The Friends of MARY, ANNIE, MAGGIE FRASER are hereby informed that the Funeral of their beloved FATHER, John Swyrn Fraser, will leave R. Metcalfe's Funeral Parlours, Church-street, Parramatta, THIS DAY, at 4.30 p.m., for Western-road Cemetery, Parramatta.
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FLYNN.—The Friends of Miss ALICE FLYNN are kindly invited to attend her Funeral, to move from 26 Lucas-street, Camperdown, THIS DAY, at 1.30 p.m., for Rookwood Cemetery, via Newtown station.
W. N. BULL,
Funeral Director.

FLYNN.—The Friends of Mrs. ANN McKIERNAN are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her late beloved SISTER, Alice Flynn; to move from 26 Lucas-street, Camperdown, THIS DAY, at 1.30 p.m., for Rookwood Cemetery.
W. N. BULL, Funeral Director.

FLYNN.—The Friends of PATRICK FLYNN are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his late beloved AUNT, Alice Flynn; to move from 26 Lucas-street, Camperdown, THIS DAY, at 1.30 p.m., for Rookwood Cemetery.
W. N. BULL, Funeral Director.

FLYNN.—The Friends of MARY, MICHAEL, THOMAS BERNARD (now on active service), and JOHN McMANUS are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved AUNT, Alice Flynn; to move from 26 Lucas-street, Camperdown, THIS DAY, at 1.30 p.m., for Rookwood Cemetery.
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FULLER.—The Friends of the late Mr. JAMES FULLER (late of Bundanoon) will leave our Funeral Parlour, 262 Oxford-street, Woollahra, THIS DAY, THURSDAY, at 3.30 p.m., for Waverley Cemetery.
W. CARTER, Undertaker, Waverley.

FULTON.—The Friends of Mrs. ALICE FULTON and FAMILY are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her late beloved HUSBAND and their FATHER, Robert; to leave his late residence, 4 Lenton-parade (late Belmore), Waverley, THIS DAY, at 12.45 p.m., for Presbyterian Cemetery, Rookwood.
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FULTON.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. ROBERT FULTON are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly beloved SON, to leave his late residence, 4 Lenton-parade, Waverley, at 12.45 THIS DAY, for Rookwood Cemetery.

FULTON.—The Friends of WALLACE and STEWART FULTON are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly beloved BROTHER, to leave his late residence, 4 Lenton-parade, Waverley, at 12.45 THIS DAY, for Rookwood Cemetery.

FULTON.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. A. FULTON are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly beloved BROTHER and BROTHER-IN-LAW; to leave his late residence, 4 Lenton-parade, Waverley, at 12.45 THIS DAY, for Rookwood Cemetery.

FULTON.—The Members of our Boys' Welcome Home and Sendoff Club (Waverley) are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late Comrade and Member, R. FULTON; to leave his late residence, 4 Lenton-street, Waverley, THIS AFTERNOON, at 12.45 o'clock, for Presbyterian Cemetery, Rookwood.
R. J. KINGSLEY, Hon. Secretary.

HALL.—The Friends of RICHARD HALL are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his late beloved WIFE; to move from Sacred Heart Hospice, Darlinghurst, THIS DAY, at 1 o'clock, for Rookwood Cemetery.
W. N. BULL, Funeral Director.

HALL.—The Friends of RICHARD VINCENT, FRANCIS PATRICK (on active service), THOMAS JOSEPH, EDWARD, and ALPHONSUS HALL are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved MOTHER, Emily Hall; to move from Sacred Heart Hospice, Darlinghurst, THIS DAY, at 1 o'clock, for Rookwood Cemetery.
W. N. BULL, Funeral Director.

HALL.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. F. HALL are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly loved SISTER, Emily Hall; to move from Sacred Heart Hospice, Darlinghurst, THIS DAY, at 1 o'clock, for Rookwood Cemetery.
W. N. BULL,
Funeral Director.

HALL.—HIBERNIAN A.C.R. SOCIETY.—The Officers and Members of St. PETER'S BRANCH, No. 160, Surry Hills, are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of the dearly beloved Wife of Bro. RICHARD HALL, Sec.; to leave St. Vincent's Hospice, Darlinghurst, THIS DAY (Thursday), at 1 p.m., for Rookwood Cemetery.
R. FARRELL, President; R. SYMONS, Secretary.

HUGHES.—The Friends and Family are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late loved MOTHER and GRANDMOTHER, Mrs. Jane Hughes; to leave her son-in-law's residence, 5 Boundary-street, Waverton, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1 o'clock, for Catholic Cemetery, Rookwood.
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JENKINS.—The Friends of Mrs. CATHERINE JENKINS are invited to attend the Funeral of her beloved HUSBAND, William; to leave her residence, 101 Arthur-street, North Sydney, TO-MORROW, Friday, at 12.30 p.m., for Catholic Cemetery, Rookwood.
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MAY.—The Relatives and Friends of the late Mrs. ELIZABETH ROACH MAY are kindly invited to attend her Funeral; to leave her late residence, 140 St. John's-road, Glebe, THIS DAY, at 1 p.m., for Church of England Cemetery, Rookwood.
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MAY.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. SAMUEL MAY and FAMILY are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their beloved MOTHER and GRANDMOTHER; to leave her late residence, 140 St. John's-road, Glebe, THIS DAY, THURSDAY, at 1 p.m., for Church of England Cemetery, Rookwood.

MAY.—The Friends of BESSIE, BILL, and PEARL MAY are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved MOTHER, Mrs. J. May; to move from her late residence, 140 St. John's-road, Glebe, for Church of England Cemetery, Rookwood, TO-MORROW (Thursday) AFTERNOON, at 1 o'clock.

MAY.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. WILLIAMS are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly loved MOTHER, Mrs. J. May; to move from her late residence, 140 St. John's-road, Glebe, TO-MORROW (Thursday) AFTERNOON, at 1 p.m., for Church of England Cemetery, Rookwood.

MAY.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. WILBUR MAY are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly beloved MOTHER; to leave her late residence, St. John's-road, Glebe, at 1 p.m., for Church of England Cemetery, Rookwood.
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MORTIMER.—The Friends of Mrs. HELEN MORTIMER and FAMILY are invited to attend the Funeral of her late beloved DAUGHTER and their SISTER, Helen Alice; to leave 17 Bowen-road, Kogarah, TO-MORROW (Friday) AFTERNOON, at 1 p.m., for Waverley Cemetery.
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RUSSELL.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. R. RUSSELL are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved MOTHER, Mrs. Ann Russell; to move from Boughan-street, Redfern, at 2 p.m., for R. C. Cemetery, Rookwood.

THOMPSON.—The Friends of Mr. FREDERICK R. THOMPSON are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his beloved WIFE, which will leave her late residence, Yarra Bay, THIS AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock, for Botany Cemetery.
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THOMPSON.—The Friends of Mr. A. THOMPSON, Mr. and Mrs. R. THOMPSON, Mr. and Mrs. E. GOLDSMITH, and of Mr. and Mrs. T. PATTERSON, are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their beloved MOTHER, Mrs. Mary Ann Thompson, which will leave her late residence, Yarra Bay, THIS AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock, for Botany Cemetery.

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ON THE LAND.

FARM AND STATION.

THE WOOL CLIP.

The announcement on Tuesday by the Prime Minister that no finality had been reached in the negotiations with the Imperial Government for the sale of the wool clip will be disappointing to growers and others connected with our most important industry. It is over a fortnight since a basis price was fixed, and an offer was made to the Imperial Government to sell the clip at a certain price, and no reply has yet been received. Mr. Hughes considers the present political crisis in England has delayed matters, but it is not unlikely that the people in the old country consider the price arrived at here as too high. The price fixed upon was 50 per cent. over and above the ruling average in 1913-14, which was about 10d per lb. This works out at about a flat rate of 15d per lb for the present clip, with the allowance of 2d per lb for increased freight rates, and is certainly not a price that growers can complain of. It is certainly less than the boom rates prevailing during the last twelve months, but few growers would desire to penalise the Empire in a time of crisis by holding out for more. Indeed, if the proposed figure is too high, there is good reason for reconsidering the matter at this end when the present position of stress is remembered. To-day Anatralia cannot afford to look upon the war for a moment as a money-maker, but, in the interests of self-preservation, must do all possible to help the Imperial Government to secure an early victory. But whatever is to be done it should be decided at the earliest moment, for if a mutually satisfactory arrangement cannot be made—we hope a most unlikely contingency—unnecessary time should not be lost in allowing the wool sales to begin again. At present to a large extent most important interests are practically held up, for several subsidiary industries are concerned as well as the wool business. In any further negotiations it is desirable that growers should be more fully represented than was the case at the first conference. In the abnormal circumstances that have arisen in connection with our primary industries during the last stirring couple of years it is a most noticeable and extraordinary thing that the actual producer has less representation and less voice than any other interests. This has been the case with meat, wool, wheat, and dairying products, and it is certainly not just. In some quarters the action of the Government in prohibiting the shipment of wool is a matter of comment. It is pointed out that permits to buyers have been granted in some cases. This applies to wool for shipment to London on account of growers, and in some cases to interstate shipping. It is held that it would be a short-sighted policy to compel wool to be held at Queensland ports, such as Townsville and Rockhampton, or in Western Australia, where there would be congestion if permits to ship are not granted.

BIRTHS.

BRIDGEFOOT.—December 5, at their residence, Flamstead, Bellevue-street, Arncliffe, to Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Bridgefoot—a son.

MARRIAGES.

WEIR—RIDGWAY.—At Lanark, Palace-street, Petersham, November 25, 1916, by the Rev. W. T. Leach, Robert Bruce, second son of Robert Weir, of Petersham, to Jessie Lyia May, only daughter of John Ridgway, Petersham.

ROLL OF HONOUR.

COX.—Killed in action, October 5, 1916, Edward Malcham Cox, youngest son of Mrs. M. J. Cox, Boorooo, Edinburgh-road, Marrickville, aged 20 years. He died as he lived—nobly. Inserted by his ever-loving mother, brother, and sisters.

FRANCIS.—Killed in action, November 17, 1916, Sergeant Jack Francis. Inserted by his sincere friends, Mr. and Mrs. McIntosh and daughters, Miller-street, Petersham.

GORDON.—Died of wounds received in France, November 11, 1916, Lieutenant Robert Hunter Gordon, of Beltana, Turner-avenue, Bankstown, aged 23 years and two months. He died that we might live. Inserted by his loving wife and baby, Robert.

GRAHAM.—Private William B. Graham, younger son of Mrs. W. Graham, 22 Windsor-street, Paddington, killed in action in France, November 5, 1916.

GRAHAM.—Killed in action in France, November 5, Private W. B. Graham, youngest son of Mrs. Graham, 22 Windsor-street, Paddington. Inserted by Mr. and Mrs. Kerr, Mabel and Jessie, of Old South Head-road, Bondi.

GRAHAM.—A tribute from "Sydney Morning Herald" Companionship to the memory of our dear comrade, Private W. B. Graham, killed in action in France. Loved and mourned by all who knew him.

HARTLEY.—November 7, killed in railway accident, Lance-corporal Wm. Hartley, only son of William and E. M. Hartley, aged 24 years, Carnforth, The Avenue, Hurstville. God knows best.

HARTLEY.—November 7, accidentally killed in railway accident, on active service abroad, Lance-corporal Wm. Hartley, aged 24 years, only brother of Emily Warner. A young life nobly ended. Inserted by Emily and George Warner, sister and brother-in-law, Edmaville, Lily-street, Hurstville.

MANN.—December 1, in France, Flight-lieutenant Alfred Mann, second son of Mrs. J. E. Mann, Petty's Hotel.

ROWLEY.—Killed in action at Gallipoli, Private G. A. Rowley, 8th Reinforcements, 1st Pattalion, December 7, 1915, aged 22. Beloved fourth son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Rowley, Repse-street, Redfern. A young life nobly ended.

ROWLEY.—Killed in action in Gallipoli, December 7, 1915, Private G. A. Rowley, 8th Reinforcements, 1st Battalion, aged 22 years. Beloved brother of Will, Jack, and sisters, also Bob and Arthur (on active service).

Greater love hath no man
Than to lay down his life for his friends.

SHUCK.—Private G. Shuck, dearly beloved husband of Nellie Shuck, 45 Ben Boyd-rd, Neutral Bay, who died of wounds in France, October 26, 1916.

Oh, for a touch of a vanished hand,
And a word from the voice that is still.

SMITH.—Died of wounds, in France, October 28, 1916, Private Philip C. Smith, son of Walter R. Smith, 17 Banksia-road, Bankstown. He sleeps. Inserted by loving father, sisters, and brothers.

SOUTHAM.—Pte. Arthur Bertram Southam, a dear and faithful friend, a perfect gentleman, who was killed in action in France, between July 23 and 28, 1916, while nobly defending his country. Inserted by E. A. Clift, Sergeant G. S. Mackay (on active service abroad), and Mrs. G. S. Mackay, Rhodes.

THORNTON.—Died of wounds in France, November 21, 1916, Private Albert Francis Thornton, aged 20 years, formerly of Candelo, N.S.W., dearly loved nephew of Miss J. Johnson, Moree.

To know him was to love him.

TODD.—Killed in action in France, November 2, 1916, Private Ross Todd, aged 22 years, dearly loved son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Todd, of Hillsborough, Rosebery-street, Penshurst. Sadly mourned.

TODD.—Killed in action in France, November 2, 1916, Private Ross Todd, aged 22 years. He gave his life nobly. Inserted by his loving sister and brother-in-law, Annie and George Bridge, Woodlands, Wardell-road, Dulwich Hill.

DEATHS.

ANDERSON.—December 2, at her residence, Ripley, The Avenue, Waitara, Ellen May, dearly loved daughter of Mr. Martin Hanly, Paterson-street, Longueville.

BELL.—November 27, at Katoomba, Gertrude Amelia, beloved fourth daughter of Richard and Marie Bell, of Grenfell, in her 25th year. Interred at Grenfell, November 29.

BENTZEN.—December 6, 1916, at Gordon, Violet Victoria Beatrice Bentzen, third daughter of the late Ven. Archdeacon Bentzen, of Mudgee. Interment at Mudgee, Friday afternoon.

CLAYTON.—December 6, 1916, at her residence, Avoca, Dillon-street, Bassendean, via Kogarah, Sarah Jane, the dearly-beloved wife of Joseph Edward Clayton, in her 61st year.

ELLIS.—December 6, 1916, at Loretto, Darvell-street, Balmain, Hugh Williams Ellis, aged 82 years. R.I.P. By request, no flowers.

FRASER.—December 6, 1916, at Parramatta District Hospital, John Sawyer Fraser, of Cowper-street, Granville, only son of the late John Fraser, of Harold-street, Parramatta, aged 55 years.

MARSH.—December 2, Philip Alexander, aged 7 months, the dearly beloved infant son of Dr. and Mrs. H. Marsh, of Haremai, Bombala.

MATTHIAS.—November 30, at Auckland (N.Z.), Nell, the dearly beloved wife of George Matthias, Melbourne, Victoria, and Sydney.

MAY.—December 5, 1916, at her residence, 140 St. John's-road, Glebe, Elizabeth Roach May, widow of the late Joseph May, in her 75th year.

MORTIMER.—December 6, 1916, at her mother's residence, 17 Bayswater-road, Kogarah, Helen Alice, beloved daughter of Helen and the late William Mortimer. A patient sufferer.

PURCELL.—December 6, 1916, at St. Vincent's Hospital, Thomas F. Purcell, 117 King-street, aged 28 years.

RENNIE.—December 4, at Parramatta, Alexander Rennie, late of Aberdeen (Scotland), aged 43. Interred December 6, Field of Mars Cemetery.

THOMPSON.—December 5, 1916, at her residence, Yarra Bay, Mary Ann, beloved wife of Mr. Frederick Thompson, in her 64th year.

WANT.—November 15, 1916, result of an accident at Barraba, Sidney Edward, fourth son of the late William Want, aged 42 years.

IN MEMORIAM.

ABEL.—A tribute to the cherished memory of my dear wife and our mother, Jessie Abel, who departed this life December 7, 1910, aged 37 years. Inserted by her loving husband, Martin Abel, and son and daughters, Gordon, Ethel, and Bella.

ALLEN.—In loving memory of my dear wife and our dear mother, who departed this life December 7, 1915, aged 29 years.

Sweet to remember her, once so near,
And who, though absent, is still just as dear.

Inserted by her loving husband and little children, H. Allen, South Bankstown.

ALLEN.—In loving memory of our dear daughter and sister, May, who departed this life December 7, 1915, aged 20 years.

However long our lives may last,
Whatever lands we view,
Whatever joy or grief be ours,
We'll always think of you.

Inserted by her loving mother, Mrs. J. Purdy, and family.

ALLEN.—In loving memory of our beloved daughter-in-law and sister-in-law, May Allen, who died December 7, 1915. Inserted by her father and mother-in-law and brother-in-law, J. G. and W. A. Allen.

ALLEN.—In loving memory of our dear sister-in-law, and aunt, May Allen, who died December 7, 1915. Inserted by her brother-in-law and sister-in-law, L. R. and E. M. Allen and family.

ALLEN.—In loving memory of our dear sister-in-law and aunt, May Allen, who died December 7, 1915. Inserted by her brother-in-law and sister-in-law, J. R. and M. Allen and family.

ASHTON.—In sad but loving remembrance of our dear mother, Jessie Selina Ashton, who, after great tribulation, passed into her rest, December 7, 1912.

Our mind with fondest welcome owns
One dear dead friend's remembered tones.

Inserted by her youngest loving daughter, Jessie Ellen Drew, and son-in-law, Wm. Alex. Barnes, Waverley.

BLAYDES.—In loving memory of our dear mother and grandma, Jane Blaydes, who died December 7, 1915, aged 81. Leaves may wither, memory never. Inserted by her loving daughter and son-in-law, E. and W. Leech, and grandchildren.

CAMPBELL.—In loving remembrance of our dear daughter and sister, Pet, who passed away December 7, 1911. Inserted by her loving mother, father, sisters, and brother.

CASHMAN.—In loving memory of my dear mother, Eliza Jane Cashman, who passed away December 7, 1906, in her 76th year. Inserted by her fond daughter, Mrs. Philip Hart.

ELLIOTT.—In loving memory of our dear mother and grandmother, Margaret Elliott, who departed this life December 7, 1915. Inserted by her sons, David, William, John, and family.

ELLIOTT.—In loving memory of our dear mother, Margaret, who departed this life on December 7, 1915. Inserted by her loving daughter, son-in-law, sons, and grandchildren. Sweet rest in heaven.

GIDNEY.—In loving memory of my dear mother, Sarah Gidney, who passed away December 2, 1915.

A faithful mother, true and kind,
As one on this earth like her I find.
One year has passed, but none can tell
The loss of a mother I loved so well.

Inserted by her loving son, Albert (on active service).

GIDNEY.—In loving memory of my dear friend, Sarah Gidney, who passed away December 2, 1915.

Your memory is as fresh to-day
As in the hour you passed away.

Inserted by loving friends, Agnes and Glady Poole.

GOULD.—In loving memory of our darling Gene, departed this life December 6, 1914. Sadly missed by mother, father, Mary, Mon, and Don.

GUY.—In loving memory of our darling little son and nephew, Lomond Russell Wallace, who fell asleep December 7, 1908, aged 3 years and 9 months.

Death taxed, and oh, so sadly missed, His sorrowing mother, Mabel Guy, and grandmother Bonnie.

HARDISTY.—In loving memory of my dear husband and father, who died at his late residence, 17 Parliament-road, Croydon, December 7, 1913. Inserted by his loving wife and children.

KELLY.—In sad but loving memory of my dear wife, Beatrice Lillian, who died at Redfern, December 6, 1911. Inserted by her loving husband and children, Edward, Mary, and Martha Kelly.

LILAMAND.—In sad but loving memory of our dear mother, Catherine Lilamand, who departed this life December 7, 1912, aged 28. Never forgotten by her loving children, Marguerite, Marie, Caroline, Frank (on active service), Edward, Nicholas Lilamand.

LILAMAND.—In loving memory of my dear daughter, Catherine Lilamand, who departed this life December 7, 1912, aged 28 years.

Your memory is just as dear to-day
As in the hour you passed away.

Inserted by her loving mother, Catherine Garel.

LILAMAND.—In loving memory of my dear sister, Catherine Lilamand, who departed this life December 7, 1912, aged 28 years. R.I.P.

I cannot clasp your hands, dear sister,
Your face I cannot see,
But let this little token tell
I still remember thee.

Inserted by her loving sister, Mary Ryan.

MORAN.—In loving memory of my dear mother and grandma, Catharine, who passed away December 7, 1915, aged 84. Inserted by her daughter and grandchildren.

NORMAN.—In loving memory of our dear mother and grandma, Mary Jane Norman, died December 7, 1914. Inserted by her loving daughter, Annie, and son-in-law, Arthur Chapman (on active service), grandchildren, Joe and Eva.

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DR. A. H. RUTHERFORD has commenced Practice at Wyoming, Macquarie-st.

IN MEMORIAM.

NORMAN.—In loving memory of my dear mother and our grandmother, Mary Norman, who departed this life on December 7, 1914. Inserted by her loving daughter, Sarah, and son-in-law, Will, and grandchildren, Tom, Ada, May, Alice, and little Norman Golding.

KENEKIL.—In loving memory of our dearly-beloved mother, who departed this life on December 7, 1913.

Your life was all labour and love,
Your heart for your family beat true.
You carefully did your life's duty,
What more could a loving mother do?

Inserted by her loving sons, Hale and Willie.

ROBB.—In loving memory of our dear son and brother, Harold Dirk, who departed this life December 7, 1914.

To memory ever dear.

Inserted by his loving mother, father, and brother.

ROBB.—In loving memory of our dear brother, Harold Dirk, who departed this life December 7, 1914. Inserted by his loving brother and sister-in-law, Harry and Flora.

ROBB.—In fond memory of our dear brother, Harold Dirk, who departed this life December 7, 1914.

As the ivy clings, so our memory does to thee.

Inserted by his loving sister and brother, R. and S. Woodhouse.

SCHNEIDER.—In ever loving memory of our dear son, Sydney E. F., who departed this life December 7, 1915, aged 18 years. Deeply regretted. R.I.P. Inserted by his sorrowful parents, E. A. and E. Schneider, 207 Flood-street, Leichhardt.

SCHNEIDER.—In loving remembrance of our dear brother, Sydney, who died December 7, 1915, aged 18 years. R.I.P. Inserted by his loving sister and brother-in-law, James and Lillian Power, 1 Earl-street, Randwick.

SCHEMILT.—In loving remembrance of our dear son and brother, Charles Frederick, who departed this life on December 7, 1914. Inserted by his loving mother, sisters, and brothers.

SMALL.—In loving memory of our dear mother, Margaret Small, who departed this life on December 7, 1895. Inserted by her sons, daughters, and their families.

STEPE.—A loving tribute to the memory of our dear daughter, Anne Ellen Smith (nee Gibb), who departed this life December 7, 1909, aged 21 years.

For all eternity, in life and death, we love thee.

Inserted by her loving parents, J. and E. Gibb.

ST. JOHN.—In loving memory of my dear husband and dear father, who departed this life on December 7, 1914. R.I.P.

Two years have passed since that sad day
When one we loved was called away,
And as he rests in peaceful sleep
His memory we shall always keep.

Inserted by his loving wife and children.

STEELE.—In sad and loving memory of our darling son, Roy, who passed away December 7, 1912, aged 3 months. Our darling bud in heaven. Inserted by his loving parents, Alice and Fred, sister and brother, Brenda and Len.

TAYLOR.—In loving memory of our dear mother, Anne, who departed this life December 7, 1912. Inserted by her loving daughter and son-in-law, Edith and Walter McKew, also granddaughter, Alice.

THOMPSON.—In loving memory of my dear husband and our father, William, who departed this life at Sydney Hospital, on December 7, 1915. Though lost to sight, to memory ever dear. Inserted by his loving wife and family.

THOMPSON.—A loving tribute to the memory of a sincere friend, William Thompson, who departed this life December 7, 1915. Always remembered. Inserted by Ethel and Jim McGinley.

TURTON.—In loving remembrance of my dear wife and our dear mother, Kate E. Turton, who departed this life December 7, 1913.

Mother is gone, but not forgotten,
Nor is the good advice she gave.
Sweetest thoughts shall ever linger
Around our darling mother's grave.

Inserted by her loving husband and children, Beattie Grace, Martha, and Harry.

TURTON.—In loving memory of my dearest friend, Mrs. H. Turton, who departed this life on December 7, 1913. Inserted by her loving friends, M. and A. Wakefield.

RETURN THANKS.

Mr and Mrs. E. GARRETT desire to tender their heartfelt THANKS to their many friends for their kind expressions of sympathy and floral tributes in their recent sad bereavement.

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TIGHTENING UP.

Recent events in Roumania and Greece give special point to another of General Sir William Robertson's rousing speeches on the war. In yesterday's issue we published his appeal for more men, and for the general tightening up made imperative by the pressure upon the Allies; but this was prompted by the recent unveiling of a village cross at Daldorby, in Lincolnshire, to commemorate the services of its manhood in the fighting forces. It was not a speech of mere eulogy for work well done, but a cry for the something more without which the war cannot be won. Sir William, as Chief of the Imperial General Staff, had something to say about the valour of British troops. He was himself one of the fighters in the first great battles of the war, when by all the rules Great Britain's "contemptible little army" ought to have acknowledged itself beaten. "They were not beaten, they never have been beaten, they are not beaten now," said the General; and later on he added the appeal: "We want men, more men, and in due course we shall want all men who can be spared." He insisted that the magnificent work of the past should be regarded as an incentive for greater work in the future, and warned his hearers that the end is not yet. We must be prepared to fight on for a period of time which it is impossible to estimate, and consequently "there must be no slackening off. On the contrary, there must be a great tightening up." If this was the truth as it appeared to the Chief of the General Staff two months or so ago, what shall be said now? Is there not infinitely more need for internal peace and hearty co-operation to-day, with Germany in possession of a great deal of Roumania, and with fresh food and oil supplies almost in her hands? The matter is serious enough for the Allies; but for us, as part of the British Empire, the duty of sending reinforcements to the full limit of our powers is so great that the thoughtful mind dare not consider its denial. It is not that we are in danger of defeat, but that there may be such a continuance of the war as will leave us hopelessly exhausted when peace is proclaimed.

The alternative, of course, is a premature peace. Some people, like the Labour gathering in Melbourne yesterday, are already saying that Australia has done enough, and deep down in their hearts they are contemplating a peace which shall admit that Germany has proved too strong for us. Dare we accept anything of the sort as possible? Will it not mean sooner or later absolute defeat and extinction for the British Empire? A Germany not properly beaten will be a Germany ultimately victorious, and Australia will be one of her first prizes in another Armageddon. But everybody longs for peace. We are united on that point; and yet, as Sir William Robertson said in a speech made at the Hotel Cecil in August last, when the delegates from our Commonwealth Parliament were entertained:—"We want all the men we can get, and we want them not merely to win this war—we feel quite certain about that—we want to win the peace. We shall conquer the enemy, but we want to win such a peace as will compensate us for the sacrifices we have made." Sir William was not referring to mere material compensations. His idea of the coming peace was that it should weld the Empire together and so make future wars impossible. "Fighting means unselfish sacrifice," he said. "When men are marching together shoulder to shoulder against the common enemy it brings out those splendid qualities that do more to rivet the bonds of empire than any amount of talking." But the fighting and marching are only worth while as preliminaries to true peace, and are the fruits of a loyal hearty understanding of its obligations and responsibilities. Surely Australia will not prove laggard after doing so much. Self interest alone should prompt a recognition of the larger duty; and now more than ever it is demanded of us that we shall tighten up not only our machinery but also ourselves, and organise our manhood and womanhood for the victory without which life will not be worth living.

THE NEW PRIME MINISTER.

Mr. Bonar Law has attained to the most important position in the civil life of the Empire at a time of unexampled difficulty. The British people for the last three months have been experiencing the effects of war on a colossal scale in every department of their daily life. The army, which now includes almost one tenth of the whole nation, has suffered heavy and continuous losses without any visible decisive gains. The successes of the German submarines have been maintained until a percentage of the mercantile marine has been destroyed, the cost of living has increased, and the regular succession of food shipments may be affected. The financial exertions of the country have at the same time become a source of concern. Great Britain, besides paying the expenses of her own army and navy, has contributed some four hundred and fifty millions to her allies in the course of the year so that credit may remain open to them in the United States and other countries and they may be able to obtain the necessary supplies of munitions. If the knowledge of these burdens had been coincident with the prospect of an immediate victory, or even with uninterrupted success, there would have been no foundation for a movement to displace the existing Government. It has, however, been accompanied by the appearance of new difficulties and new dangers, of which the impression has been intensified owing to the previous optimism of the British people. The overwhelming confidence produced by the advance on the Somme and the speeches of Lord Derby and Mr. Lloyd George has been followed by a reaction in which the battles in Roumania and the disastrous landing in Greece have obscured every other theatre of the war. The reaction might have been much less severe, but for the English habit of chastening their rulers and of imagining that the whole of the war is under British control. Affairs at Athens have for months past been under the direction of the French Admiral and the French Ambassador. Yet the defeat of the Allies is laid at the door of Viscount Grey and Lord Robert Cecil. When Roumania intervened the highest praise was bestowed on M. Briand and the Russian Prime Minister; now that Roumania is defeated Mr. Asquith and his two Ministers are abused for inducing a small country to enter the war too soon. While the nation was in such a state of depression there was sure to be a welcome to any scheme which would change the direction of affairs and promise more speedy and decisive action. The management of the army and the navy are in expert hands, and the strategy of the Western Allies is controlled by General Joffre. Englishmen were none the less ready to accept a change, and to expect from it some kind of safeguard against a repetition of their previous disasters. Obviously, while such a mood makes a change acceptable, it puts the new ruler to a very severe test. He is judged not by possibilities, but by expectations. He is expected to make his way by rapidity and force, when it may be that his predecessor has tried those very qualities and failed. At the present time he must satisfy the national desire for the leadership of one man, a desire which in France and Germany is satisfied by the military supremacy of Generals Joffre and Hindenburg, and until June was satisfied in England by Lord Kitchener. In every one of the Allied countries the national leader has been free from the handicap of a political career. In Great Britain even in a coalition and in wartime he cannot entirely clear himself from the political prejudices accumulated under the rigour of the party system and in time of peace.

It is said that Mr. Bonar Law's difficulties will be increased by the ill-will of a majority of the House of Commons, founded on the suspicion that Mr. Asquith has been unfairly treated. We may be confident, however, that no action which would prevent the new Government doing its best for the country will receive Mr. Asquith's support. Throughout the war the characteristic which has gained Mr. Asquith the affection of the House of Commons, and of the Cabinet, has been his readiness to efface his own reputation for the sake of a colleague and of the country. The same quality in a wider field has made Great Britain a unifying force among the Allies by the readiness of her two chief Ministers to accept the blame for the mistakes of other diplomatists. Mr. Bonar Law will receive Mr. Asquith's help in inducing the heads of the civilian departments to acquiesce in the new order, although their work will become increasingly difficult. Much, no doubt, will depend on the mood in which the Labour party will take the deposition of a Minister who has retained their confidence for ten years past. Mr. Bonar Law will appeal to them by the appointment of another Labour Minister, and will recognise the importance of the Labour element in the selection of his War Council. His sincerity has been tested since the formation of the coalition. None of the Unionist Ministers has more loyally obliterated party associations, and recognised the supremacy of the one aim which has brought all the parties together. It is a good omen for the success of the Prime Minister that he is almost the only member of the Coalition who has increased his personal reputation during the war. As Colonial Secretary he has seldom been called on to speak, but his speeches have shown that he is not likely to believe in winning the war by indiscriminate abuse or by railing at any signs of opposition among neutrals. The change of personality, as Mr. Asquith has said, will not be followed by any change in the policy of the nation. Its only consequence will be an endeavour to bring the national forces to bear more directly on the one object so that the expenditure of life and treasure will sooner be brought to an end. Since this is to be so, there will be a continuance of the firm but conciliatory policy with which all questions with neutral countries have been handled by Lord Robert Cecil and Viscount Grey. If the plan attributed to Sir Edward Carson can be carried out, the new Ministry will have begun with a success which would be worth more than a great victory to the Allies. Ireland being an agricultural country, and having already given great numbers of recruits, may yet yield even the hundred thousand men mentioned by Lord Windsurne as possible to be conscribed. But they would be the finest men in the world for the battles now before the Allies, of which their triumph at Ginchy was a specimen. Sir Edward Carson has shown the firmness of purpose necessary for the leadership of a minority. If he can also display a power of persuading and reconciling men he will be credited with many of the gifts which a statesman needs in such a crisis as this.

FEDERAL FINANCE.

When the Federal Treasurer takes up his burden of public finance in computing his requirements for the year, and in estimating his resources from taxation and loans, he has to think in terms of the war. It may be said that the war governs everything; and if he can adjust its burdens fairly he will be more than half way to a satisfactory handling of the rest of his financial problems. For instance, Mr. Poynton, the new Federal Treasurer, laid stress in his financial statement yesterday upon the imperative need for economy. He said that one of the first things he had done on assuming office was to send for the heads of the chief spending departments to see whether the year's Estimates could not be reduced. Then he continued:—"I impressed on the officers that I was not asking them to do anything which would in any way impair the efficiency of the many public services, but stated that the prosecution of the war was paramount to all other questions, and that to do this, men, money, and munitions were essential." It was insisted further that the time had come for a halt to prepare for the aftermath of war. When peace is proclaimed in the near or more distant future there will have to be the greatest care and the soundest judgment if chaos is not to come upon us. This is the statesmanlike attitude. Mr. Poynton declared that his appeal to his officers was not in vain, and that greater economies would yet be compassed. The difficulty, of course, is to make anything like an effective beginning. Schemes that have matured and that have either been begun or are ready for a start cannot be put aside at a moment's notice. Nevertheless the pressure of a policy of economy can commence immediately, because it represents an attitude. Ministers responsible for expenditure as well as for the application of certain principles have made up their minds; and if the Federal Government intends to go ahead on the lines laid down the rest will follow in healthy public finance.

That this attitude has already counted for something is to be seen in the revision of the Government's proposals with respect to additional taxation. It is not a question now of the pace at which Ministers intend to travel, but of the direction in which they are looking; and for one thing they have decided to revise their decision upon the operation of the War-time Profits Tax. The principles underlying all business in mining, whether for investment or industry, are different from those which govern ordinary commerce, because the basis upon which calculations are made is being continually broken up. The security is fading as metals and minerals are produced; and in the case of gold war has allowed of no profits. Commodities in terms of gold show that the precious metal has depreciated in value. The converse is true with copper and much beside. But the point is that the facts are being discussed and the tax upon war profits is being imposed in accordance with conclusions arrived at reasonably and not arbitrarily. The war and its effects still govern the situation. This must be held to be true of the proposed increase in the Federal tax upon incomes. It is certainly true in relation to the extension now offered in the time for the payment of the levy on wealth. Instead of three years, five are to be allowed; and arrangements are to be made by which the money may become available without undue strain upon those whose assets are not easily realised. With the Entertainments Tax, the first estimate of £1,000,000 as its product is reduced to £700,000, because it is not proposed to make a levy upon tickets under sixpence. The picture shows with their appeal to the multitude will thus be relieved of some of the burden intended to be placed upon them. But the war must still be held to govern this side of the situation; for through the "movies" directly the war may be brought very much closer, and what will give the mass of the population new ideas about it must be held to be good for the Commonwealth. Sound finance in dealing with purely war burdens in this view must affect other and collateral burdens; and if economy is the ruling principle there will be little left upon which to base objections.

RHODES SCHOLARSHIP.

NO AWARDS THIS YEAR.

The Rhodes Scholarship Selection Committee for New South Wales has decided to make no awards this year. This action has been taken owing to the comparatively small number of men who applied for the honour. The majority of eligible University students are away on active service.

FEDERAL TAXES.

The Federal Treasurer (Mr. Poynton) delivered an interim financial statement yesterday.

The war-time profits tax is to be 50 per cent. on the first year and 75 per cent. on the second year.

Gold-mining companies are exempted from this tax, and so are profits from fruit-growing.

The levy on wealth for repatriation purposes is to be spread over a period of five years, instead of three years as originally proposed.

It is intended to increase the income tax by 25 per cent., and provision will be made that the exemption will disappear on incomes of £500 and over.

The Government will go on with the entertainment tax, but will not impose the tax on tickets of a less value than sixpence.

"There has been no period in our history that has been more prosperous than the past 10 years, and this may account for the revel in public expenditure still rampant in Commonwealth and State activities; but the time has arrived when we must call a halt," Mr. Poynton declared.

Economies in various directions were forecasted, the Treasurer anticipating that as a result the position disclosed in the last Budget would be improved to the extent of half a million at the end of the financial year.

An alteration in the sinking fund system was outlined.

SYDNEY AIRMAN KILLED.

FLIGHT-LIEUT. MANN.

Flight Lieutenant Alfred Mann, of the Royal Naval Air Service, who was killed in France on December 1, was 24 years of age, and was a son of Mrs. J. E. Mann, of Petty's Hotel, Sydney. He was an ex-student of St. Ignatius' College. Lieutenant Mann left for Europe shortly after the outbreak of war, and had been in the air service for about 18 months. He was attached to one of five aeroplanes which were sent to raid Kiel Canal nine months ago. Only two of the machines returned. A brother, Lieutenant Furneaux Mann, of the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry, was wounded recently, and another brother, Frederick Mann, is a student at Sandhurst.

DEACONESSES' INSTITUTION.

OPENING OF HOME.

The Church of England Deaconesses' Institution at Newtown was opened yesterday afternoon. The institution aims at taking the children and the young persons who have advanced beyond the childhood stage, and fitting them for the battle of life. It takes mere babies and cares for them; it takes the young men and educates them; it takes the young girls and trains them. The home, or at Marrickville and Newtown, and hitherto one of its premises has been rented, but now it has removed into a building of its own, and the outlay that went in rent has been transferred to interest on a sum that represents a mortgage. The interest is paid and if the principal liquidated the institution will have a place of its own. The children's home is at Marrickville, and 45 little ones are sheltered there. The Deaconesses' Institution, which aims at training girls for home work, is in Marrickville, Newtown, but is now in St. Paul's-road, near Victoria Park, the building which was opened yesterday.

Yesterday afternoon Mrs. Wright, wife of the Primate, opened the building, and it was dedicated by the Primate.

After the dedicatory service the assembling adjourned to the hall attached to the home where a meeting was held.

The Primate said he should like to remark how splendidly appointed the building was, and also to say that Mrs. Wright deeply appreciated the gift of the pen which had been presented to her in commemoration of the ceremony.

The Rev. H. S. Begbie, chaplain of the institution, said that in 1914 the sum of £1000 was paid for the ground upon which the house now stood. Subsequently, owing to the kindness of Mr. W. Shaw and Mr. J. M. Sandy, a piece of ground adjoining, which was now the lawn at the side of the building, was purchased and presented to the institution. There was a debt of £2500 on all upon the premises. The Walter and Eliza Hall Trust had given great help, and with its aid there was no need for present anxiety. The house was not yet furnished, but several donations had been promised, both in money and kind, to the furnishing fund. Briefly, the interest on the debt about equalled the rent on the old building in Queen-street, which was quite unsuited for the purposes of the institution.

Miss Pallisser, deaconess-superintendent, gave an account of the work of the institution. It gave a fourfold training—it trained girls for home work, for deaconess's work, for foreign missionary work, and with it was connected the Home of Peace for the Dying. At the present time there were three foreign missionary students, and parochial work was going on. In the Home of Peace there were in all 58 patients last year.

A collection was taken, and notes, as well as silver, were given. After the meeting ended the guests were entertained at afternoon-tea.

COUNTRY HIGH SCHOOLS.

WOLLONGONG, Wednesday.

The new High School, which has been erected on a prominent site on Smith's Hill, was officially opened by the Minister for Education (Mr. James) this afternoon. Provision is made for the accommodation of two hundred students in the building, and the enrolment is already in excess of that number. The contract price was £7881. The Ministerial party was entertained at dinner. Mr. James said it was the seventh country High School to be established within the past five years. The National Government was quite in accord with the policy of the previous administration in connection with the decentralisation of secondary education. At the present time there were twenty High Schools and three intermediate High Schools with an effective enrolment last quarter of 5141, and an average attendance of 4862. Of the total 1611 students were attending country High Schools, while another 1747 boys and girls were receiving secondary education at various district schools. This meant that 3358 children were being educated up to university standard, without the necessity of going to Sydney for their education. He would like to emphasise the point that, while the National Government realised the necessity for economy in regard to the administration of all Government departments, the pruning knife would not operate against the continued efficiency of schools.

D.C.M.

LITHGOW, Wednesday.

Corporal Tom Baxter, husband of Mrs. Baxter, Hayley-street, Lithgow, has had the D.C.M. conferred on him. Some time ago he was wounded, and became an inmate of the Whitchurch (near Cardiff) Hospital. From a cable message it appears that he is now convalescent.

RED CROSS.

WORK FOR RETURNED SOLDIERS

Lady Cullen presided yesterday at a meeting of the Red Cross Society general committee, and Mrs. Langer Owen delivered an address on the Red Cross industries.

Success, said Mrs. Owen, had attended the two workshops which were established with the object of enabling returned soldiers and sailors to learn basket-making and toy-making. None of the men making baskets received less than £2 10s a week. Orders for basket work could now be promptly executed. The toy-making industry had made great progress. After paying for saws, a turning machine, and paints this industry showed a profit of £37 4s 7d. An instructor had been engaged. A number of lady voluntary helpers were finding the salary of the instructor and helping the men in their work. Samples of the toy and basket work were to be seen in the show window of Challis House, opposite the tower of the G.P.O. Those who desired to make Christmas or wedding presents should leave their orders at the Red Cross depot in Ash-street.

LABOUR PARTY.

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The Interstate Labour Conference resumed its secret sittings at the Trades Hall to-day, and many subjects were discussed.

In consequence of the motion agreed to yesterday, expelling all Federal members who had supported compulsory service overseas, and who had assisted in the formation of another political party, three of the delegates from Western Australia—Senator Lynch, Mr. Burchell, M.P., and Mr. Cornell, M.L.C.—were not present.

Immediately the conference assembled, exception was taken to a statement that the remaining representatives from Western Australia—Messrs. McCallum, Lutey, and Gibson—were conscriptionists. They intimated that they were anti-conscriptionists, even though they voted against the motion.

During the morning a deputation from the Federal Labour party, consisting of the new leader (Mr. Tudor), Senators Finlayson, Needham, and McDougall, and Messrs. O'Malley and Hannan, waited on the conference. The visitors were warmly received.

Mr. Tudor and Senator Needham addressed the delegates, declaring that, despite the many secessions on the part of old leaders from the party, those remaining intended to carry on, upholding the platform of the party to the letter. Both emphasised the need for uniformity of action in the six States.

Regarding matters affecting Federal legislation, Mr. Tudor again brought up the question of the need of an interstate council, whose functions would be similar to the central executives of the various State Labour councils. A proposal of this nature was under discussion at the interstate conference in May, 1915, and Mr. Tudor held that had the interstate council existed during the referendum campaign, much of the dissension would have been avoided, as the council would have been able to interpret questions so that there would have been unanimity of action in each State.

The conference deferred consideration of the matter until a later stage.

At the conclusion of the speeches the visitors replied to many questions concerning the line of action to be pursued in the Federal Parliament in the future.

Mr. O'Malley unfortunately absented himself somewhere in the Federal Capital at the time when the central executives of the P.L.C. demanded that all Federal Members of the Federal Labour Party should declare themselves against conscription, and take the platform in opposition to the proposals of the Prime Minister. When it was apparent that a majority of the electors were against conscription Mr. O'Malley announced himself on the side of the Trades Hall Party. Since then he has been accused of having been tardy, or having delayed the announcement of his views on the conscription issue. He sought to explain the reason for his delay and his speech to the conference, though characteristic of the man, inasmuch as it contained frequent references to "His Christian Brothers," obviously had been carefully prepared. He sought to cloud the reason for his prolonged stay in the Federal Capital by humourous anecdotes, and he had apparently achieved his object. The conference as one of those present put it, "was so tickled" by his remarks that his refusal to take the platform against conscription was overlooked.

The horrors of the present war, together with its effect both on the political and labour wings of the Labour movement, were discussed.

Motions agreed to included:

"That an emphatic protest be made against any prolongation of the life of the Federal Parliament beyond the date of its expiration by effluxion of time."

"That the administration of the War Precautions Act be made less drastic, and that prosecutions against citizens for non-compliance with it be abandoned."

The conference will sit again to-morrow.

COMMENT BY MR. HUGHES.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

"Much might be said of what the Labor party has done," said the Prime Minister (Mr. Hughes) on being asked to-day if he had anything to say regarding the action of the Interstate Conference in expelling from the Labour movement of Australia all Federal members who supported conscription. "But after all its acts are so outrageous that words of indignation, protest, and condemnation are plainly inadequate to the occasion," he added. Mr. Hughes said, "The junta has written its own epitaph."

PERSONAL.

VICE REGAL.

Lady Edeline Strickland presided at a meeting of the Red Cross Society at Sutton Forest yesterday afternoon.

The Rajah of Pudukota, who has for the past six months resided at Double Bay, leaves by the Kaiser-I-Hind on Saturday for India. He will return to Australia after three or four months' stay in his own State.

Sir Colin Campbell, of Cowra, left by the Aorangi yesterday on a holiday trip to Honolulu.

Lieutenant-Colonel Hunter, of New Zealand, will be a passenger for London by the Kaiser-I-Hind on Saturday.

Mr. J. Clarke, who has been acting as New Zealand Government Agent in Sydney during the absence of Mr. W. R. Rhodes, left last evening on his return to Melbourne, to

ROUMANIA

POSITION WORSE

ENEMY CLAIMS BOOTY

NEARER BUCHAREST

THE CABINET

MR. ASQUITH RETIRES

MR. BONAR LAW LEADS

Such meagre news as has been received from Roumania indicates that the position there is worse. The enemy, both north and south of Bucharest, is driving back the Roumanians. He claims many prisoners and enormous booty.

The Russians have suffered a reverse in the wooded Carpathians, where they were seeking to create a diversion and relieve Roumania.

There is no further news from Greece. It is officially stated in London that order has been partially restored in Athens, and that the Allies are now considering the whole position.

Mr. Asquith, opposing Mr. Lloyd George's proposal to exclude him from the War Council, has resigned his portfolio as Prime Minister; and Mr. Bonar Law has been asked by the King to form a Cabinet.

WESTERN FRONT.

LONDON, Dec. 6.

General Sir Douglas Haig, in his noon report on Tuesday, stated: A strong enemy raid, following on a heavy bombardment south-eastward of Loos, completely failed.

A French communique states:—It was calm on the whole of the West front.

Second-Lieutenant Nugesser brought down two German aeroplanes, one being in fire, on the Somme. This makes his total 20.

General Sir Douglas Haig reporting at midnight on Tuesday says: There was considerable reciprocal artillery fire in the Loos and Ypres areas. Our aircraft on Monday carried out many successful reconnaissances, and bombed a railway station and an aerodrome. A naval air squadron had many combats and drove down four machines out of control, and destroyed two. One of ours is missing.

The French official report at midnight on Tuesday says: Our machine-gun fire completely checked a small attack north of Ypres. There is the usual artillery fire elsewhere.

BEYOND MONASTIR.

STRONG BULGAR LINES.

LONDON, Dec. 5.

The Salonica correspondent of the "Petit Parisien" says the Bulgarian lines are strongly and solidly organised. Although the enemy has fallen back he is in no way destroyed, only slightly demoralised.

Germano-Bulgar prisoners declare that von Mackensen ordered the present positions to be held at all costs. The Allies' pressure continues incessantly, sometimes freely, and sometimes weak. There have been no attacks worthy of the name since the capture of Monastir.

A Servian communique states: We captured another village north of Monastir by assault, also two howitzers. The Bulgarians are retreating northwards.

A French communique states:—The Servians repulsed all enemy counter-attacks at Staravino with sanguinary losses. They captured five guns and three mortars.

The Franco-Servians also advanced north of Paralovo.

A Servian official message states:—We developed successes north of Grunista and Budimirci, where we carried new fortified positions.

SUBMARINE MENACE

LOSS OF ARABIA.

GERMAN REPLY TO U.S.A.

LONDON, Dec. 5.

Germany has sent to the United States a preliminary reply to the Note regarding the sinking of the P. and O. steamer Arabia while on her way from Australia to London. Germany claims that the Arabia was a transport.

American officials do not expect a serious crisis, but anticipate a controversy as to the character of the vessel.

AMBASSADOR IN BERLIN.

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.

Mr. Gerard, United States Ambassador to Germany, who has been on a visit to Washington, has sailed en route for Berlin.

VON JAGOW'S RETIREMENT.

BERNE, Dec. 5.

Max Harden, writing in "Zukunft," states that von Jagow left the German Foreign Office because he did not approve of the submarine policy and the deportations of Belgians and French.

GREECE AND ALLIES

ORDER PARTIALLY RESTORED.

FIXING THE BLAME.

LONDON, Dec. 5.

In the House of Lords to-day Lord Crewe (Lord President of the Council) said that since Lord Robert Cecil's statement in the House of Commons, a telegram had been received from Athens, in which the British Minister reported that a certain degree of order had been re-established. It had been ascertained that irregular armed bands had attacked the Entente troops and the Veniselists. These bands, including their officers, had been dismissed, and Greek regulars were now guarding Athens. The British Minister had advised British residents to go to Piraeus for greater safety. Although it was not feared there was any immediate danger to British life and property, the Government did not regard the situation with less gravity. Ministers were unshaken in their determination to fix the responsibility for Friday's events, and to secure their non-recurrence. The whole question involved military and naval considerations.

GERMAN MINISTER'S VIEWS.

A Copenhagen message says:—The Berlin correspondent of the "National Tidende" secured an interview with von Mirbach, German Minister to Greece, who was forced by the Allies to leave Athens. He declared that the Greek Government could not be called friendly to Germany, but the soldiers who fought under King Constantine were still friendly. From these there arose the reservist movement. The reservists were unable to put up a leader equal to M. Venizelos. The King was bitter over the way Greece's neutrality had been repeatedly broken. King Constantine was still ill, and his wounds had to be kept open.

ADMIRALTY BOARD.

TWO MORE CHANGES.

LONDON, Dec. 6.

It is officially stated that the new Board of the Admiralty will be composed as follows:—

Mr. A. J. Balfour, First Lord of the Admiralty.

Admiral Sir John Jellicoe, First Sea Lord.

Vice-Admiral Sir Cecil Burney, Second Sea Lord.

Rear-Admiral F. C. Tudor, Third Sea Lord.

Captain Lionel Halsey, Fourth Sea Lord.

Lord Lytton and Sir Francis Hopwood, Civil Lords.

[There have been two more changes in the personnel of the Board. The position to which new appointments have been made, and the names of the men who recently filled them, are:—Second Sea Lord, Vice-Admiral Sir F. T. Hamilton; Fourth Sea Lord, Commodore C. F. Lambert. The announcement that Admiral Jellicoe would replace Admiral Jackson as First Sea Lord was made some days ago.

Vice-Admiral Sir Cecil Burney is 58 years old, and has seen much active service, in which he has distinguished himself. He was the commander of the 2nd and 3rd Fleets in British waters when war broke out.

Captain Lionel Halsey, who is only 44 years old, was in charge of the battle-cruiser New Zealand during the Empire cruise of that warship in 1913, when he visited Australian and New Zealand ports. He had served in Australian waters some time before that. When the battleship Iron Duke was commissioned he was given the command. He has seen a good deal of fighting in the North Sea since the war broke out.]

TURKEY'S PLANS.

EGYPTIAN CAMPAIGN.

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.

The Berlin correspondent of the "New York Times" has forwarded a report of a speech made by Enver Pasha in the Turkish Parliament, indicating that plans are being made for an invasion of Egypt. Enver Pasha said the Turkish offensive against Suez had not been given up. The Turks are preparing for operations on a large scale against Egypt. The campaign would be resumed at the right moment. The retreat in the Caucasus was due to lack of communications, but the southern army was preparing another offensive. Turkey had sent troops to assist in Galicia, Dobrudja, Seres, and Drama, retaining sufficient men to defend Turkish territory.

ITALIAN FRONT.

LONDON, Dec. 5.

An Italian official statement says:—The enemy's attempted surprise attack on our positions north of Saint Caterina broke down under fire.

GERMANS WOO HUNGARY

LONDON, Dec. 5.

The "Daily Telegraph's" Hungarian correspondent says:—Von Falkenhayn and several of his generals are learning the Hungarian language as part of the German policy of ingratiation, which it is hoped will lead to the political domination of Hungary after the war.

The Hungarians are suspicious. They declare that dependence on Germany is undesirable, and it would only be a change of masters. The Hungarians want complete political and economic independence. If the Entente agreed to further this object it would create sympathy among a large part of the Hungarian nation.

FORCED ECONOMY IN BRITAIN.

LONDON, Dec. 5.

A Board of Trade order limits meals supplied in public places and boarding-houses to three courses for the evening meal, and two for morning and afternoon. Cheese is not reckoned. Hors d'oeuvre, soup (containing no meat or fish), and dessert are counted half a course each.

A further order is foreshadowed providing for meatless days universally.

GERMANY WANTS ZINC.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 5.

Having seized all the copper in Belgium, the Germans have requisitioned 850,000 kilos of zinc from a certain number of factories.

MERCHANT SHIPPING.

LONDON, Dec. 5.

The steamer Kenkoin Maru has left Moji for Sydney. The steamer Florence Luckenbach has left New York for Auckland.

ROUMANIA'S PLIGHT.

ENEMY PUSHING ON.

NEARER BUCHAREST

RUSSIAN REVERSE REPORTED.

LONDON, Dec. 6.

A Russian communique states:—Roumanian attempts to check enemy attacks on the roads towards Ploesci (an important railway junction north of Bucharest) and Bucharest were unsuccessful. The Roumanians are retiring eastward from Titu towards Bucharest, and west and south of Stopitza, under the incessant attacks of superior enemy forces.

We captured another range of heights on the Moldavian frontier, but were compelled to retire from a height south of Voronessska in the wooded Carpathians.

A German despatch claims that the Roumanians lost 25,000 between November 29 and December 3. The Germans occupy 16,000 square miles of territory, while the Alt Valley contains numerous herds and great stores of grain, which will be converted to the use of the German people as soon as possible.

It is officially reported from Berlin that von Mackensen, pursuing and breaking the resistance of the enemy rearguards, crossed the railway line from Bucharest to Tergovisceа towards the east. The number of prisoners taken on Sunday increased the total to 12,500, while 4500 were taken elsewhere.

An Austrian communique issued this afternoon says: Austro-German counter-attacks in the wooded Carpathians deprived the Russians of all their recent local gains. Russian attacks on the Moldavian frontier were repulsed with heavy losses.

THE IRISH PROBLEM.

POSSIBLE OFFER.

CONSCRIPTION AND HOME RULE.

LONDON, Dec. 6.

The "Daily Chronicle" says that plans are being matured for a dramatic settlement of the Irish question in the event of Sir Edward Carson (the leader of the Ulster Unionists) re-entering the Cabinet.

Sir Edward Carson has secured the consent of his Ulster colleagues to the establishment of a Home Rule Parliament for the whole of Ireland, in which the Protestants will be represented on a basis of proportional representation. Ulster will be included for a period of three years, after which there will be an opportunity for revision.

The condition of the acceptance of the scheme is, that the Nationalists agree to the extension of conscription to Ireland, thus bringing in an additional 150,000 soldiers. Martial law in Ireland will be abolished. It is hoped that some of the Nationalists will join Mr. Bonar Law's Cabinet.

Discussions have been going on between the Irish leaders and Mr. Lloyd George and Sir Edward Carson for some time.

WILL AMERICA ACT?

BELGIAN'S APPEAL.

SYSTEMATIC MURDER.

LONDON, Dec. 6.

The famous Belgian writer, M. Maurice Maeterlinck, interviewed by a representative of the "New York Tribune," said:—"The whole world calls to America to stop Germany's monstrous inhumanity. Germany is guilty of wholesale murder, and of attempting to destroy a race. There are 50,000 Belgians under forced labour digging German trenches behind Soissons. They are half-starved, and have been dragged from factories and driven through trenches at the point of the bayonet. Many are compelled to dig in the first line under fire. This is not war; it is murder, butchery. Meanwhile the Belgian population is being systematically starved. The miserable inhabitants are dying like animals. The time for protesting is past. Will America act?"

HOLLAND PROTESTS.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 5.

The Dutch Foreign Minister, replying to a question, stated that the Dutch Government had sent a Note to Germany protesting against the Belgian deportations.

It was pointed out that the Dutch authorities in 1914 encouraged Belgian fugitives to return after making a convention with Germany guaranteeing the personal liberty on their behalf of Belgians who returned. Therefore, it was hoped the fugitives who had been deported to Germany would be sent home.

Germany's reply is unsatisfactory. Diplomatic conversations are proceeding.

The "Echo de Belge" announces that the Germans have decided to deport 50,000 inhabitants from Brussels.

GERMAN PEACE TALK.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 5.

Theodor Wolff, the German publicist, writing in the "Berliner Tageblatt," says—Peace on the basis of the status quo is no longer possible since the declaration of Poland's independence, but a business peace, bringing profit to all, is more likely to be concluded.

Those desiring Belgium's annexation are decreasing. We should ask ourselves, he says, whether what we wish justifies the continuation of the war.

The Berlin "Vossische Zeitung" says: We all feel that the events of recent weeks have brought the end of the war considerably nearer.

The German censor has permitted Mr. Cyril Brown, the Berlin correspondent of the "New York Times" to send a message emphasising the widespread nature of the peace movement in Germany. An overwhelming majority favour early peace. He quotes the "Tageblatt" and the "Vossische Zeitung" as expressing the opinion that the prospects of peace are brightening; but the publicist, Count Reventlow, distrusts peace through a German medium.

The Rome correspondent of the "Times" says that Cardinal Bourne, Archbishop of Westminster, informed the Pope that the feeling in England was such that it would be useless to initiate a serious peace movement at present. The Pope, therefore, is convinced that any move by President Wilson or himself would be inadvisable at present.

MR. ASQUITH RESIGNS

A NEW CABINET.

LED BY MR. BONAR LAW.

DRAMATIC DEVELOPMENTS.

MR. LLOYD GEORGE AND WAR COUNCIL.

LONDON, Dec. 6.

Mr. Lloyd George (Minister for War) has definitely resigned, following on Mr. Asquith's decision not to agree to the formation of a War Council from which he would be excluded.

At a later hour it was officially stated that Mr. Asquith had resigned.

A Court circular was subsequently issued stating that His Majesty the King had accepted Mr. Asquith's resignation.

Mr. Bonar Law was summoned to Buckingham Palace, and requested to form a Cabinet.

It was announced at midnight on Tuesday that Mr. Bonar Law would form a Cabinet.

It is suggested that Mr. Bonar Law will become Prime Minister; and that, in regard to the War Council, he will allow Mr. Lloyd George and Sir Edward Carson to prosecute the war on the basis of permitting Admiral Sir John Jellicoe and General Sir William Robertson a freer hand.

THE COURSE OF EVENTS.

Mr. Asquith's resignation came as a bombshell, showing that every effort to preserve the unity of the coalition had failed.

Though Mr. Lloyd George's wishes concerning the War Council were accepted in principle on Sunday, Mr. Asquith contended that the powers of the council must be derived from the Cabinet as a whole. Consequently, it was necessary to find Ministers who were prepared to delegate their authority to a smaller body.

Mr. Lloyd George did not object to Mr. Asquith being a member of the Council, but he held that a member of the Council cannot, at the same time, discharge the duties of Prime Minister, since his time is taken up by general administrative supervision and attendance at the House of Commons.

MR. ASQUITH'S DECISION.

When it was found impossible to reconcile the conflicting views, Mr. Asquith called the Liberal leaders together—including Viscount Grey (Foreign Minister), Mr. Harcourt (Commissioner of Works), Mr. E. S. Montagu (Minister for Munitions), Mr. Samuel (Home Secretary), Lord Crewe (President of the Council), Mr. M'Kenna (Chancellor of Exchequer), Mr. Runciman (President of Board of Trade), Lord Reading (Chief Justice), and Mr. Henderson (Labour Adviser). Later, Lord Curzon (Lord Privy Seal) was called in. Negotiations were commenced with Mr. Bonar Law (Colonial Secretary and leader of the Unionist party).

Just before 7 p.m., Mr. Asquith drove to Buckingham Palace. He was with the King for half an hour. When he returned to Downing-street he was not carrying his portfolio. Apparently Mr. Asquith had suggested that the King summon Mr. Bonar Law and ask him to form a Ministry.

MR. LLOYD GEORGE FRIENDLY.

Mr. Lloyd George throughout was most conciliatory. His letter, conveying his resignation, was couched in the friendliest terms. He recalled his decade of intimate personal association with Mr. Asquith, emphasising the fact that, in spite of sharp differences of opinion occasionally, they had never had a personal quarrel.

Mr. Lloyd George proposes that the War Council should meet twice daily, or oftener. He attaches importance to the presence of a Labour Minister in the Council, holding that labour is vitally concerned in the effective prosecution of the gigantic conflict.

Neither Mr. Lloyd George nor Mr. Bonar Law is a party to the efforts of the Northcliffe Press to drive Mr. Asquith from the Premiership. Mr. Lloyd George says he knew of Mr. Asquith's final decision to resign only at 6.30 p.m., when Lord Curzon returned from the Liberal Minister's meeting.

Three hours later, Mr. Bonar Law was summoned to Buckingham Palace.

GENERAL ELECTION POSSIBLE.

A paragraph in the Court Circular announced the historic events to the public. It said that Mr. Asquith had had an audience with His Majesty that evening, and had tendered his resignation of the office of Prime Minister, which the King was graciously pleased to accept.

Generally, it is believed that the resignation entails a general election. Before an appeal is made to the country, Mr. Bonar Law will form a Government, and he will seek the country's approval thereof. The temper of the present House of Commons is against a new Government, especially if there is a belief that Mr. Asquith has been unfairly driven from office.

There is reason to believe that Mr. Asquith desires not to put obstacles in the way of a new Government, and will advise his Liberal, Labour, and Nationalist supporters to assist Mr. Lloyd George and Mr. Bonar Law. It is hoped that Mr. Asquith will remain in public life, and will give the country the benefit of his great experience, and ability. He will probably receive a peerage.

PROBABLE MINISTERS.

All the newspapers insist that the enemy need not draw any comfort from Mr. Asquith's resignation, since the only point at issue is the method of carrying on the war with the greatest vigour. All agree that Mr. Bonar Law does not desire to form a purely party administration, but wishes to keep the coalition in existence. It is believed that Mr. E. S. Montagu (Minister for Munitions) and Mr. Samuel (Home Secretary) may serve in the new Government. Mr. Samuel may succeed Mr. McKenna as Chancellor of the Exchequer. It is expected that Lord Reading will be a prominent member of the Cabinet, probably as Lord Chancellor. Viscount Grey (Foreign Minister), Mr. Balfour (First Lord of the Admiralty), and Lord Lansdowne are not expected to continue in office. Mr. McKenna (Chancellor of the Exchequer), Mr. Runciman (President of the Board of Trade), Mr. Harcourt (Commissioner of Works), and Lord Crewe (Minister for Education) have actively supported Mr. Asquith, and are averse to any compromise with Mr. Lloyd George. They also object to the inclusion of Sir Edward Carson in the Cabinet, and this is a cardinal feature of Mr. Lloyd George's plan.

IRISH POINT OF VIEW.

It is pointed out that Sir Edward Carson, during the last year, has shown great qualities of straightforwardness, sagacity, and simple wisdom, gaining the respect of many members of the House who previously were bitterly opposed to him. This is apart from the possibilities of a settlement in Ireland, which Mr. Lloyd George has always considered feasible.

Mr. Redmond, the Nationalist leader, when interviewed, said that the Irish party viewed the crisis from a different standpoint as compared with other parties. "We are excluded from responsibility in the direction of the affairs of the Empire while self-government is denied Ireland," he said. "From the outset we condemned the coalition, feeling that the results would be disastrous to Ireland, and that it would prove a weak and ineffective instrument for carrying on the war."

ATTITUDE OF LABOUR.

Mr. G. J. Wardle, Labour member for Stockport, announces that the Labour party unreservedly supports Mr. Asquith with its whole strength.

Mr. Wardle added that the general opinion in Labour circles was that the crisis should not have arisen. They were prepared to see the prosecution of the war speeded up, and also a smaller War Council. They recognise Mr. Lloyd George's driving force, but the proposal to overthrow Mr. Asquith in the present crisis should not be supported.

One hundred Liberal members of the House of Commons passed a resolution of confidence in Mr. Asquith, declaring that his continuance of the Premiership is necessary in order to retain national unity and a successful prosecution of the war.

OPINION IN FRANCE.

The Paris "Matin" says that Mr. Lloyd George is exacting under the threat of resignation the creation of a War Council invested with full powers. France wishes the new organisation success.

The "Petit Parisien" says more concentrated naval and military authority will give Britain greater power and promptitude.

INTEREST IN GERMANY.

The crisis in England is causing widespread interest in Germany, where it is believed Mr. Lloyd George will lead the Cabinet, which will include Mr. Winston Churchill and Sir Edward Carson.

The Socialist paper, "Vorwaerts," says the Lloyd George conspirators have the upper hand. Our energetic submarine warfare has caused distrust of the capability of the Government. The Roumanian catastrophe threatens to damage the Entente's prestige more than any other failure of the war. The German cannons before Bucharest are also hitting Mr. Asquith and Viscount Grey.

NEWSPAPER OPINION.

The "Westminster Gazette" says:—All sorts of men are needed to form a Government, and we had hoped against hope that Mr. Lloyd George's demonical qualities might have peacefully combined with Mr. Asquith's patient steadiness, but if it cannot be done, Mr. Asquith's positive duty is to persevere with his task despite all discouragements.

The paper adds:—It is understood Mr. Asquith is supported in his decision not to quit the War Council by Viscount Grey (Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs), and most of his principal colleagues. The next move remains with the members of the Cabinet who made the original proposal.

The "Scotsman" says:—Mr. Bonar Law is the natural successor of Mr. Asquith. He has shown the requisite qualities. While Mr. Lloyd George's are great, they have not taught the country to rely on his judgment. Mr. Lloyd George's temperament is over-impulsive, his foresight is defective, and his moods unstable."

The evening newspaper foremost in championing Mr. Lloyd George and belittling Mr. Asquith considers that the issue rests with the country. Assuming that Mr. Lloyd George and Lord Derby go, and Mr. Asquith contrives to continue to govern, then the power of the Unionist and Liberal "Ginger Groups" will be vastly increased, and they will probably beat the Government on urgent questions, such as food supply and man-power. On the other hand, Mr. Asquith's friends believe that if there is a trial of strength Mr. Asquith will be the winner.

AMERICAN COMMENT.

The "New York Times" pays a tribute to Mr. Asquith, and predicts that if Mr. Bonar Law becomes Prime Minister the Ministry will be short-lived; while Mr. Lloyd George does not possess the tact to hold the Ministry together. The paper adds: We hope men will be found to carry on with the unshakable purpose of achieving victory.

The "New York World" says the Tory plot to overthrow the Liberals has succeeded. Mr. Lloyd George has lent his great powers and his repute as a Liberal to partisan purposes of the Tory cabal, which may next turn upon him.

MR. BONAR LAW.

BRITAIN'S NEW LEADER.

STRONG AND FORCIBLE.

Mr. Bonar Law, who succeeded Mr. Balfour as leader of the Opposition in the House of Commons in 1911, and now takes Mr. Asquith's place, came swiftly to the front when he entered political life 15 years ago. From the very first he became marked as one of the few men who could stand up at all to Mr. Lloyd George or Mr. Winston Churchill. He is a man of exceptional strength of character, with an admirable mental equipment, and a rare grasp of facts and figures. He is essentially a business man, with a clear cool head, and is a peculiar master of the dry, cold, and irresistible facts that, stated without passion, demolish the most brilliant propositions. Of the art of rhetoric he knows little. He is plain and blunt, a hard hitter, who has the gift of making his opponents wince. These are the qualities that have brought him to the forefront, and in the party fights in the days of peace he was the man the Government feared most of all.

A MAN OF IRON.

Mr. Bonar Law's maiden speech in the House of Commons was a memorable one. It was a veritable tour de force, and produced a remarkable impression. There is a sketch of him written by a sympathetic critic in the "London Daily Mail" at the time:—

"He presents a type by himself on the front Opposition bench. Deep-sunk eyes, a big square jaw, an upright forehead, a straight mouth, covered by a somewhat drooping moustache, give at the first glance the impression of a man deeply reflective, touched with melancholy, but dominated by the recognition of the necessity for strong and forcible action. . . . Here is no fervid prophet who runs to words. Here is rather the man who, having convinced himself that a certain course of action is necessary, will work without personal ostentation, but with a certain grim ruthlessness until his object is attained.

"Tall and spare, he stands erect when speaking, with one hand by his side—typically Scotch in appearance, and with a slight and pleasant Scotch accent. He has no gestures, though now and then he will dive into one of his numerous pockets for a reference, and he is always cool and unembarrassed. Partly because of this perfect mastery of himself, which is invaluable to a leader, though it postulates an absence of the emotion that gives to oratory its most overwhelming force, he has never been obliged to explain anything away. He has never coined an epigram, and never indulged in 'purple passages.' But he is lucid and trenchant, and behind what he says is earnest conviction. The very quietness with which he speaks adds to the force of his words. There is iron in his character."

LUCIDITY AND FIRMNESS.

From the time he took his place on the front Opposition bench he has been steadily building a name for himself as a big fighter, a stalwart with a business equipment such as few statesmen have, who is prepared to battle always under any circumstances. He can state a case as convincingly as can Mr. Asquith himself. The speeches for which Mr. Bonar Law is so celebrated have been described by the London "Morning Post" as "amazingly factful." His efforts are the more impressive because he hardly ever makes use of a note. "His grasp of practical facts, his lucid exposition of them, and a certain firmness are his outstanding characteristics," we read. "He first lifted himself in the world as an ironmaster, and even now, as he stands beside the table of the House of Commons, there is iron in the hard directness of the man, and in that air of quiet resolution which marks him from head to foot." Again, to quote from the "Morning Post," at the time of his election as Opposition leader: "Whether he possesses the wider statesmanship has yet to be seen, but those who know him best are firmly convinced that he will be equal to the tremendous task."

CANADIAN, OF SCOTTISH STOCK.

The details of his biography so well with the character that seems to have resulted from them. Mr. Bonar Law was born in Canada in 1858, and is the son of a Presbyterian minister. He left the dominion when 12 years of age, and went to the High School at Glasgow, and while a mere youth was put to business.

He forged ahead at a rate that made him as powerful in the steel trade of Britain as any president of the Carnegie Board in the United States. In 1874 he joined the firm of Wm. Kidston and Sons, iron merchants, of Glasgow, of which his uncle was the head, and in 1886 became a partner in the firm of Wm. Jacks and Co., of the same city. Not until he was famed as chairman of the Glasgow Iron Trade Association did he find a seat in the House of Commons. Once there he made up for lost time, filling a responsible secretaryship in the Board of Trade during Mr. Balfour's stormy period of power. On the formation of the National Cabinet he was made Colonial Secretary, and in him Australia has had a good friend in the Imperial Cabinet. In private life Mr. Bonar Law's tastes are simple and modest. There is no trace of affectation or "side." Golfing is his favourite recreation, and he is said also to be a chess player of such ability that he might easily have become a champion had he cared to seek such an honour. He is, as is well known, an out-and-out protectionist.

THE MINISTERS WHO RESIGNED

Mr. Asquith has been Prime Minister since the death of Sir Henry Campbell Bannerman in 1908. He first entered Parliament in 1886, as member for East Fife, and he still represents that constituency. He was Chancellor of the Exchequer from 1905 to 1908. Mr. Asquith, as a young man, had a brilliant scholastic career.

Mr. Lloyd George has represented Carnarvon since 1890. He became president of the Board of Trade in 1905, relinquished that office in 1908 to become Chancellor of the Exchequer, and resigned that portfolio in 1915, to accept the newly-created position of Minister for Munitions. Here he performed wonders, and had established the department on a sound working basis when, six months ago, he handed it over to Mr. Montagu, and succeeded the late Lord Kitchener as Minister for War.

MR. HOLMAN'S VIEW.

The Premier, Mr. Holman, referred briefly to the news of the reconstruction of the British Cabinet last night.

"The political crisis in England," said Mr. Holman, "represents the definite antagonism between two opposite casts of thought that we have recently seen in Australia. On the one side there is a type that clings to long-accepted ideas, very often ideas which have been accepted through life, even under the special conditions of to-day. On the other side, there is a type—more adaptable—which says that even life-long ideals must be temporarily abandoned in a crisis like the present war. Both may be, and I believe generally are, absolutely conscientious and in their way absolutely admirable. The tragedies of politics, like the tragedies of life, arise, as was once said, I regret to say, by a German thinker, not out of the struggles between right and wrong, but out of the struggles between right and right.

"Here we have had, apparently, Mr. Asquith clinging, even in war time, to his old and accepted views. He would not regard it as in accordance with the settled liberties of Englishmen to take certain steps to make certain departures from ordinary custom; and so on, and so on. On the other hand we have Mr. Lloyd George, and very probably though less conspicuously, Mr. Bonar Law, who says:—'While not valuing these liberties any less than ever I did, I recognise that the war casts them all into jeopardy, and only by winning the war can any of these liberties be saved.'

"We saw the same thing in Australia. On the one hand, we had men who had been accustomed all their lives to say:—'Conscription will be fatal to unionism.' Possibly they were quite right. Certainly they had good warrant for what they said. On the other hand, there were other men, of whom I was one, who said: 'Unionism and everything pertaining to it will disappear unless it is successfully defended during the present struggle, and conscription seems to be the only means by which that successful defence can be made.' Here the upholders of use and wont succeeded. Those who urged that altered conditions required altered methods failed. In England, apparently, the same struggle has ended the other way round, and it is the more adaptable, the more vigorous, and as a consequence the more pugnacious mind of British public life who are forming the new Cabinet. This is, I think, simply because England is nearer the war, and public imagination has been aroused to the necessity of winning it. While I think the general feeling throughout the Empire will be one of profound regret at anything which makes it necessary for Mr. Asquith to withdraw, I feel in turn that, if the question is really one of more or less vigour in the gaining of the ultimate victory, there will be no feeling except that of profound satisfaction that the party of greater vigour has had its way."

MR. HUGHES'S COMMENT.

"UNTOLD POSSIBILITIES."

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The Prime Minister (Mr. Hughes) when informed to-day of the arrival of Press cable messages reporting the resignation of Mr. Asquith and the appointment of Mr. Bonar Law as Prime Minister, declined to comment in any way on the developments. The position, he said, was pregnant with untold possibilities not only for Great Britain and the Empire, but for the Allies as a whole. The whole world would watch the outcome of the crisis with the keenest interest.

AMERICA'S SHIPS.

MUST HELP THE ALLIES.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.

The British Embassy has announced that Britain will be unable to guarantee bunker coal at British ports for any vessel not being utilised for the benefit of the Allies. Officials believe that this will seriously embarrass American trade, owing to many of the essential coaling stations being owned by Britain.

WAR NOTES.

BUCHAREST'S COMMUNICATIONS.

While the Cabinet crisis is the absorbing topic in England, Roumania is faced with a different kind of crisis. The enemy's advance on Bucharest continues, and the important Prahova Valley, which contains the principal Roumanian petroleum wells, is now practically within arm's reach of the invaders. As far as the position of the Roumanian capital itself is concerned, very little definite information had been received up to a late hour last night. The Russian communique mainly displays anxiety regarding the situation in the region north-north-west of Bucharest. Here the position becomes increasingly serious, and we are beginning to see the advantage which the capture of Tergovisceа has given the enemy. Besides cutting the northern branch line above Titu, he has gained possession of a useful jumping-off point for an attack upon the lower Prahova Valley, and the important town of Ploesci, which lies slightly eastward of this valley. An excellent road leads almost due east from Tergovisceа to Ploesci, about 27 miles away, and along this road, and the other numerous roads leading south-east towards the capital, the enemy is now moving. The Roumanians are apparently doing their best to cover their retreat by rear-guard actions, but the enemy's advance does not seem to have been seriously retarded as a result of these. It is more than likely that our Allies will make another big effort to hold up the advance at the line of the Prahova, and thus prevent the fall of Ploesci. Ploesci is probably the most important nodal point outside of Bucharest, as besides being the centre of a network of roads, it stands at the junction of the main northern railway from Bucharest to Brasso, and of the Central Moldavian railway, while other smaller lines branch off to the north and south-east from here. With Ploesci in enemy hands the Allies' chance of holding the capital would be small, as it would then be practically cut off from direct rail communication with Moldava. By using the Bucharest-Constanza line as far as the western bank of the Danube, and the connecting line between here ad the junction at Buzeu, the rail connection between the capital and the province of Moldavia could be maintained, but, in view of the presence of the enemy at Cernavoda, this link would appear to be a rather precarious one. If, therefore, the Roumanians are unable to hold up the enemy on the road leading towards Ploesci the evacuation of the capital will probably follow the capture of that important town, which lies due north of it.

GERMAN PEACE PROPAGANDA.

The "Vossische Zeitung," in stating that the events of recent weeks have brought the end of the war considerably nearer, is clearly pursuing one of the main objects of German propaganda. The references to a "business peace" made by Theodor Wolff, editor-in-chief of the Berliner Tageblatt," are no doubt similarly inspired. Both statements, however, reveal a lamentable ignorance of the strength of the convictions entertained by the people of the various nations opposed to the Central Powers. It would probably be safe to say that the dominant thought in the minds of at least the majority of English-speaking people, as they have followed the various phases of the enemy's attack upon Roumania, may be expressed as follows:—"This means that the war will last longer than we expected." The reason for this divergence of opinion as to what is to be the effect upon the future of a certain event of to-day may not be hard to find. Both sides are out to win the war, and each recognises what will constitute a win. The enemy has no fear that Theodor Wolff's "business peace," with a supposed autonomous Poland under the thumb of Germany, would not represent a most desirable settlement of this world conflict. The "Vossische Zeitung" also recognises that Germany's act in starting the European blaze would be justified in the eyes of the German people, if now, with her foremost lines resting on the soil of almost every one of her enemies; with her navy practically intact, and with her merchant steamers ready to issue from their havens of refuge loaded to the Plimsoll mark with German goods, she could persuade her enemies to agree that the time was ripe for peace negotiations. The Central Powers, in possession of Northern France, Belgium, Poland, Servia, and a section of Roumania, see many advantages to be derived from such negotiations. Germany's present increased prestige in the Balkans would bring her closer to the realisation of her hopes for extended influence in the East. The Allies' treaty with Russia regarding the future of Constantinople and the Dardanelles means the blasting of these German aspirations. An inconclusive peace would now be tantamount to a German victory. If Germany hopes that her diversion in Roumania will give her this victory she is doomed to disappointment. Already there are signs that the Allies are tightening the belt and preparing for the additional task which devolves upon them.

HUNGARIAN INDEPENDENCE.

The "Daily Telegraph's" Hungarian correspondent apparently sees additional signs of the eventual collapse of "the ramshackle Empire," and suggests that the Hungarians want complete political and economic independence, but do not want the political domination of Germany. Although the Austro-Hungarian armies may not have achieved that military success which might have been expected of them, Germany does not appear to have much cause for complaint regarding the fidelity of her Ally during the present war. While they have shouldered their share of the responsibility and the cost of the war, the Hungarians have never been particularly enamoured of the Germans. "Our way back lay through Hungary," wrote Professor E. H. Parker, in "Chambers's Journal" recently. "When, some years previously, travelling in the reverse direction from Vienna, we had already noticed the intense hostility to everything German; even on the frontier, at Pressburg, the railway officials pretended not to understand our German questions. In Budapest, where there are one hundred thousand Germans, no Hungarian will speak German if he can avoid it, and all place-names, street-names, and (where possible) even postal addresses are in Hungarian; in fact, we had to buy a handbook and learn a little Hungarian for ourselves. . . . . This universal hatred of Germans being such but a few years ago, it is difficult to understand with what object the leading Hungarians are attaching themselves to the German leading-strings now. . . . . The Crown of St. Stephen has five million Slavs, three million Roumanians, and one million Jews and gypsies under it, not to mention over two million hated Germans. If it had conciliated the Slavs and Roumanians and extended the same political rights to its own Magyar people it might have become a real power, possessing the sympathy of Great Britain and Russia, capable, at the same time, of maintaining itself against Germany and German-Austria. But, like Ferdinand of Bulgaria, its admirer, it seems to have been fascinated by the snake-like advances of 'kultur,' and is apparently playing deliberately into the hands of Germany, and thus courting disaster."

LATE WAR NEWS.

Late War Cables will be found on Page 8.

WAR FINANCE.

SPEECH BY FEDERAL TREASURER.

TAXATION PROPOSALS MODIFIED.

AMUSEMENTS AND WAR PROFITS.

INCOMES TO PAY MORE.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The Federal Treasurer (Mr. Poynton) in the House of Representatives this afternoon delivered an interim financial statement.

Mr. Poynton said: I propose to make a statement on the financial proposals of the Government. On September 27 last, just before the adjournment, the former Treasurer (Mr. Higgs) made a statement concerning certain taxation proposed by the late Government. I refer to the war time profits tax, a bill for which was introduced on May 17 last, the proposed increased income tax, the levy on wealth for repatriation purposes, and the entertainments tax. Since my appointment to the position that I hold in the Hughes Government it has been part of my duties to examine these instruments of taxation.

WAR TIME PROFITS.

The war time profits tax as proposed by the ex-Treasurer applied to all businesses (whether continuously carried on or not) of any description carried on in Australia or owned or carried on in any other place by persons ordinarily resident in Australia. The bill, as ordinarily drafted, provided that 50 per cent. of the war profits should be taken, but at a later date, on September 27, the ex-Treasurer announced that it was proposed in the second year of the operation of the Act to take 100 per cent. of such profits. In examining this proposal I have taken into consideration the following factors:—(a) Its effect on new businesses particularly; and (b) its effect on business and industries generally. In England there is a similar tax in operation, but there the tax was 50 per cent. in the first year, and 60 per cent. in the second year. I should like to submit that the operation of such a tax in an old and established country where businesses, generally speaking, are of long standing, is not a reliable guide to us in a new country where businesses and industries are springing into existence almost daily, a condition which it should be our policy to encourage. An examination of some 200 balance-sheets of companies discloses the fact that old and established businesses are not affected by war time profits legislation to nearly the same extent as businesses of recent formation. That is chiefly owing to the war profit being based on the actual results of what is known as the pre-war standard of profits; in other words, companies or businesses thoroughly established prior to the war and then showing large percentage profits will not be nearly so much affected as new companies, or those companies or businesses which prior to the war did not exist, or showed small percentage profits, and in some cases losses. It is very clear that a large portion of the revenue that will be derived from this source of taxation will be from businesses recently established, and such businesses as, prior to the war, showed a small percentage of profit. Unless some alteration is made in the bill to treat these companies or businesses on a somewhat different basis from what may be applied to old and established businesses, which in the pre-war period earned good profits, the result will be inequitable. In the ex-Treasurer's financial statement the £1,000,000 estimated to be received from the war time profits tax in the first year was based on a percentage standard of profits of 6 per cent. and 7 per cent., 6 per cent. being allowed in the case of companies, and 7 per cent. in the case of

than Mr. Higgs's proposal. The levy may be paid in five equal yearly instalments, or the contributor may pay cash, in which latter case he will be entitled to a rebate or discount calculated on the basis of war loan interest for the period covered by the prepayment. As the result of inquiries now in progress, it may be possible to reduce the amount payable in the earlier years. Donations of £5 and upwards to the Repatriation Fund will be credited as payments or part payment of wealth tax. The proposal already made includes war bonds and inscribed stock as being subject to levy. There are some honourable members who believe that no promise or pledge was given that these bonds should be free from all taxation, and on examination of the War Loan prospectus that contention can be maintained, as therein it is stated that "all bonds and all transfers of inscribed stock will be free of Commonwealth and State income tax." Clearly they are not to be free from all taxation, but many of the public appear to have been under the impression that the principal would not be taxed in any way and the announcement that a levy of half per cent. per annum for three years on war bonds as well as on ordinary wealth was to be imposed has unsettled the value of these securities, and in some few instances, so I am advised, investments have gone to other countries, because of this proposal. The position of the Commonwealth is a dual one. In addition to our intention to increase taxation, we are also a borrower within our territorial limits, and early next year we shall have to raise about £18,000,000 for war purposes. Later on, if the war continues, we shall most certainly have to raise a much larger amount. If we insist upon levying half per cent. for three years, we may find ourselves in the position of having to give an increased percentage for 10 years on the balance of the loan we require, and the result would be that the increased amount to be paid for new loans would far exceed what would be gained by imposing the levy on war bonds. My financial advisers tell me that if the proposed levy be maintained on war bonds and inscribed stock, it will seriously interfere with the next issue; but if the public be assured that no taxation will be enforced on war loans it is thought we will be able from time to time to raise all the money we require locally for war purposes. We have, therefore, decided to exempt all war bonds and inscribed stock from the operation of the wealth levy. There is another phase of the proposed levy which should receive earnest consideration, that is, as to whether some provision should not be made to meet hard cases. Many of those who will have to pay are persons whose income is not great, and there may be others who, while owning considerable property, may yet not have liquid assets to satisfy the levy, and who thus may suffer an injustice if forced to realise on some portion of their property to enable them to pay. To meet the latter contingency it is proposed to accept a first mortgage on such properties, and to charge interest on the amount of the mortgage. That would mean that, instead of having to find the whole cash, they would pay interest on the mortgage, and have the right to pay off at any time they desired within the five years. It has also been decided that a board of referees shall be appointed. The personnel of this body will be the same as that appointed to deal with cases of hardship under the war-time profits tax. The taxpayer who considers himself oppressed will thus be given an opportunity to seek relief.

AMENDMENT IN PRESENT INCOME TAX.

It is intended to increase the income tax by 25 per cent., and provision will be made that the exemption will disappear on incomes of £500 and over. It is further proposed to increase the amount allowed to be deducted from taxable income to £26 for each child under 16 years of age; and, in the case of single persons without dependents, the exemption will be reduced to £100. The only alteration in this tax, compared with the proposals of my predecessor, is the abolition of the exemption on incomes of £500 and over. The present exemption of £156 on income from personal exertion is allowed in full on all net taxable incomes not exceeding £500. Over that amount it diminishes by £3 for every £10 increase in the net taxable income until it disappears entirely when the net taxable income reaches £1020. In the case of income from property, the exemption is £156 when the net income does not exceed £546. The exemption diminishes by £2 for every £5 by which the net taxable income exceeds £156 until it disappears entirely when the net taxable income reaches £546. In the case of composite incomes—i.e., a total income derived partly from personal exertion and partly from property—the general exemption of £156 is apportioned between the net taxable income from the two sources until the income from property reaches £546, and when the diminished deduction, which may still be allowable is deducted from the income from personal exertion until that reaches £1020, when it vanishes. To make the general exemption of £156 vanish in all cases, when the total net taxable income from all sources reaches £500, it will be necessary to provide that it shall diminish by £5 for each increase of £11 in the total net taxable income above £156. In the case of a single person without dependents the exemption of £100 will diminish by £1 for every £4 in the total net taxable income above £100, so that it will vanish when the total net income reaches £500.

ENTERTAINMENTS TAX.

The Government proposes to go on with the entertainment tax, but will not impose the tax on tickets of a less value than 6d. The ex-Treasurer estimated to get £1,000,000 in six months of the first year, but on the latest information I can obtain on this subject, I have been compelled to reduce this estimate very materially, and do not expect to get more than £700,000 per annum from this source.

ECONOMY.

One of the first things done by me on assuming office was to summon the heads of the chief spending departments, with a view of seeing if the Estimates of this year could be reduced, and at these interviews I impressed on the officers that I was not asking them to do anything which would in any way impair the efficiency of the many public services, but stated that the prosecution of the war was paramount to all other questions, and that to do this, men, money, and munitions were essential. As a soldier at the front it has stated: "The internal decorations of the House can well wait until we have made the foundations safe from attack from outside." I am not at all doubtful of the ultimate result of the war, but the hour of peace is not yet at hand. When it is, it will have to be on the terms of our Allies. Anything short of this will leave the whole world in constant dread of a repetition of the dreadful carnage of the past two years. The fact of the war being so far from our shores seems to have dimmed our vision of what our fate would be if by any chance the Allies were defeated. We have passed through a phenomenal decade of prosperity, which is indicated by figures of savings bank deposits. There has been no period in our history that has been more prosperous than the past 10 years, and this may account for the revel in public expenditure which is still rampant in both the Commonwealth and the State activities. The time has surely arrived when we should call a halt and prepare for the aftermath that is certain to follow this world-wide war. I am pleased to report that my appeal to the officers and my consultations with Ministers were not in vain, but greater economies will yet, I think, be made. This portion of the Government's policy is far-reaching, and will embrace not only a close scrutiny of all departmental proposals for expenditure, but an early and full consideration in relation to each of the large spending departments as to whether current expenditure can be reduced without affecting efficiency and without reducing existing public facilities and conveniences beyond what is fair and reasonable to provide in time of war. Coming into office when nearly half the year has gone, I find that departments have already put in hand the several schemes of the year, and it is difficult to effect at once the economies which might have been made before the year's work began. I have already found it possible, however, to curtail expenditure in some directions, and am continuing my investigations. I am keeping in view that it is necessary to economise the resources of the Commonwealth in order that the war may be carried on, also that costs are at present so high as to demand the postponement where possible of works which, under more favourable circumstances, might be undertaken. The alterations made by me to date in the Estimates submitted by my predecessor on September 17 are as follow:—

Revenue: Customs and excise, increase £250,000; entertainments tax, decrease £650,000; war time profits, first year, decrease £400,000, second year, decrease £1,100,000; income tax alteration of exemption, increase £120,000 and 25 per cent. increase, £30,000; net result £1,750,000.

Expenditure: Out of revenue (not including war expenditure), home affairs, decrease £320,900; military, decrease £208,000; navy, decrease £231,000; interest decrease, £108,685; sinking fund, decrease £1,445,222. Total, £2,313,807.

Revenue will thus have decreased to the extent of £1,750,000; expenditure will have decreased £2,313,807, giving us an improvement of £563,807. In the above decreases I have included £637,900 for expenditure on additions, new works, and buildings. I might, however, have taken credit for a decrease of £730,884, because I found that after Mr. Higgs's speech of September 27 his estimates were increased at the request of the various departments to the extent of £92,984. According to amended figures supplied by the Defence Department, and allowing for the improvement shown above, the amount which Mr. Higgs expected to borrow for war during the financial year may be reduced by £4,450,000.

SINKING FUNDS.

In the financial statement which the late Treasurer made to the House on September 27 last, provision was made during 1916-1917 for contributions to sinking funds on all loans for works purposes in accordance with the existing law, and in addition 2½ per cent. on all war loans. The amount so provided was £2,747,000. A sinking fund of 2½ per cent. per annum accumulated at 4½ per cent. per annum would extinguish the debt in 25 years. If contributions to the sinking fund during 1916-1917 were limited to the requirements of the existing law, namely, 10/ per cent. per annum on Commonwealth inscribed stock issued for works with 1 per cent. per annum, in respect of certain rapidly-wasting works, also a 10/ per cent. per annum contribution on war loans raised from the public in Australia, the amount so required would be £423,555 or a saving of £2,323,445 on the amount provided by Mr. Higgs. A sinking fund of 10/ per cent. per annum accumulated at 4½ per cent. per annum would extinguish the debt in 53 years. If a 1 per cent. contribution to the sinking fund were made on all loans raised by the Commonwealth, excepting the loans raised in London for the States, the amount required would be £1,391,778, or a saving of £1,445,222 on the amount provided by Mr. Higgs. A sinking fund of 1 per cent. per annum, accumulated at 4½ per cent. per annum would extinguish the debt in 39 years. The question of the proper disposal of Commonwealth sinking funds is important. At present we have at the credit of the Commonwealth sinking funds the amount of £388,312. Of this £158,380 has been invested in Commonwealth Treasury bills, and £140,630 in Commonwealth Inscribed Stock. The balance, £89,303 is held in cash and is now awaiting investment. Following the usual practice the investment would probably be made in the War Loan. Thus our sinking funds are not held for the redemption of our loan, but have always been used for subscribing to fresh Commonwealth loans, and the money has been expended for the Commonwealth's current needs. The position created is equivalent to the direct expenditure of that money on the Commonwealth's present requirements. It is right that taxation should be arranged so that in addition to an amount sufficient to meet ordinary expenditure there shall be raised an amount to be taken in reduction of loans. Assuming that the returns from taxation can be kept up to about the same level, it is clear that at the end of the war there will be a margin above current needs which can be paid into a sinking fund. During the war, however, it does not seem wise that the amount raised by taxation in excess of ordinary requirements should be paid into a sinking fund. As the law stands such sinking fund could be used for the purchase of new Commonwealth securities and be expended on works or other services. Assuming that such an investment were prohibited by law it seems that the sinking funds could be used only in one of two ways—namely (a) to repurchase Commonwealth securities in the market or (b) to place the funds in the hands of the Treasurer or trustees with directions to invest them in short dated securities other than those of the Commonwealth, so that the money will be available at the dates of maturity of the Commonwealth Loan. As regards the first course it may be said that no advantage would be gained at present. Indeed we might pay in the repurchase a price higher than the subscription price, especially when we consider that certain commissions have to be paid on the raising of the loans. As regards the second course, it must be pointed out that it is not possible to place funds beyond the control of the Parliament of the day, even if the Constitution were altered. That could be again altered, particularly during the present crisis. It seems unwise to create a large sinking fund because, should the war last much longer, every resource of the Commonwealth will be used for existing requirements, and it is not likely that sinking funds would be left intact. I suggest the wisest course is to arrange taxation so that above other requirements, to be met out of taxation, there shall be raised an amount equal to 1 per cent. of the whole amount of war indebtedness. The additional amount of 1 per cent. would be used to meet war expenditure, and thus the raising of so much of the war loan would be avoided. The effect of such a course would be practically the same as if the 1 per cent. were placed at the credit of the sinking fund, and used immediately for the repurchase of Commonwealth War Loan securities. The proposed method will be an effective way of insuring that the extra taxation shall go to the relief of war loans, and arrangements will be made that the immediately on the cessation of the war the amount of 1 per cent. on all loans shall be paid into the credit of a sinking fund, and definitely ear-marked for the sole purpose of paying off the loans.

TREASURER'S ADVANCE.

In the first Supply Bill of the current financial year there was granted as advance to the Treasurer the sum of £600,000, and in the Second Supply Bill the sum of £1,100,000 or £1,700,000 in all. On taking office the Treasury I found that the Treasurer had authorised expenditure since July 1 last the whole amount of his advance, viz., £1,700,000. Now, it seems to me that a change is required. That was a very large sum of money for the Parliament to grant to the administration. It must be remembered that there is really no restriction upon the Treasurer as to the purposes on which he can expend the moneys granted from his advance. The amount is voted in a lump sum, which is described in the Supply Bill merely as "Advance to the Treasurer." I am not criticising any particular Minister in bringing this matter under the notice of Parliament. All my predecessors have been entrusted with large sums, but there has been a tendency to increase the amount entrusted, and I think the time has come when Parliament should reconsider the position. It can scarcely be contended that the old practice which has sprung up tends towards economy. It is necessary, in my opinion, that, as far as possible, Parliament should indicate the purposes for which it grants public funds. It is not contended that some amount of advance should not be given, because all Governments find that, in spite of most carefully estimating the proposed expenditure, circumstances arise which could not have been foreseen; but the amount given to the Treasurer for purposes to be decided upon by himself should be kept as low as possible. No amount has been included in the present Supply Bill for Treasurer's advance. The bill includes provision for works which during last financial year were paid for out of loan funds. These works include the construction of the Kalgoorlie to Port Augusta railway, the railway in the Northern Territory, the placing of telephone wires underground, the erection of Commonwealth offices in London, machinery at Cockatoo Island, and the purchase of postal lands and lands in the Federal Capital territory. For some years prior to July 1 last it was the practice to provide for these works by loans from the notes fund. The notes in circulation having now reached the large amount of £46,000,000, it is not thought wise to make any further issue for works purposes. It also seems inadvisable while the necessity for raising such heavy loan for war purposes exists, that any attempt should be made to raise a loan from the public for works. It seems a necessity, therefore, that works shall be provided for out of current revenue. The money for these works should be provided for in the Supply Bill. I have included not only provision to carry us on during the next three months, but have included also the amounts paid out of revenue since July 1 last, and charged to Treasurer's advance. This seems necessary, because the whole amount required for the eight months of the financial year should be brought for appropriation by Parliament. Another matter to which I desire to draw the attention of the House is the very large accumulation of Treasury balances, which are bearing interest. On October 31 last there was in the Commonwealth Bank in Australia at the credit of current account a total of £20,275,570. There was on fixed deposit in the Commonwealth Bank, bearing interest at 2 per cent. per annum, £2,000,000, and at current account in the English, Scottish, and Australian Bank at Darwin, £1186, a total of £22,276,756. In addition, there was in London on the same date £4,155,095, making a grand total of £26,431,851. Included in the foregoing are moneys borrowed for war purposes amounting to £20,468,771. The amount of £4,155,095 in London was nearly all lent to the market at current rates of interest. I am looking into the matter in an endeavour either to obtain interest on larger portions of these funds, or to provide that moneys lent to the Commonwealth shall be paid into the Treasury at dates nearly corresponding with the dates on which moneys have to be expended.

THE DEBATE.

Sir John Forrest (W.A.) congratulated Mr. Poynton on his appointment as Federal Treasurer. He held the principle that the cost of war should be paid by loan and sinking fund, and the interest from revenue. He felt sure that two separate taxing machines, Federal and States, should not exist.

Mr. Tudor (Vic.) condemned the Government for making alterations in Mr. Higgs's financial proposals.

The debate was adjourned.

LATE WAR NEWS.

CABINET CRISIS.

MR. LLOYD GEORGE SUMMONED.

LONDON, Dec. 6.

Mr. Lloyd George has been summoned by the King to Buckingham Palace.

MR. BONAR LAW DECLINES.

The "Westminster Gazette" states that Mr. Bonar Law has declined to form a Ministry.

NEWSPAPER COMMENT.

Though it is recognised a general election may be essential, the newspapers point out that the 1913 register disfranchised 50 per cent. of the civilians, who had changed their addresses, or were lodgers. All the soldiers, probably 4,000,000 voters, would be disfranchised. An election in such circumstances was a farce.

The "Daily Mail" attacks Mr. Asquith, Viscount Grey, and Mr. Balfour, whom it designates as "the Haldane gang."

Mr. Balfour throughout the crisis has been confined to a sick room with influenza. He attended no meetings, and made no statement.

The "Daily Mail" states that Mr. Asquith on Sunday gave a general assent to Mr. Lloyd George's proposal. Mr. Lloyd George on Monday received the assent in writing. By the afternoon Mr. Asquith was not prepared to make a statement in the House of Commons. Mr. Asquith, on Tuesday morning, changed his mind, and withdrew his assent in writing to Mr. Lloyd George, stating that upon reflection he could not agree. Consequently Mr. Lloyd George sent in his resignation in writing.

The "Times" welcomes Mr. Asquith's whole-hearted sympathy. Mr. Asquith's proposals were hopeless, and it was impossible to compromise. What the situation now requires is a return to the well-tried English system of small, harmonious Cabinets.

The "Daily News" says: Mr. Asquith's resignation is the humiliation of the country. It is the result of a crusade engineered by Lord Northcliffe, and is one of the most sinister incidents of national history. The new Cabinet will contain no Liberal element apart from Mr. Lloyd George, but we hope the House of Commons will give the Administration fair play.

The "Daily Telegraph" deeply regrets it was impossible to settle the differences of the Cabinet without an open rupture. The King's Government must be carried on. If Mr. Asquith served under Mr. Bonar Law he would only add a new lustre to an already splendid record. The Earl of Chatham had served under the Duke of Newcastle, Mr. Canning and Viscount Castlereagh under Lord Liverpool. Unity had been Britain's strength. It would be a tragedy if we by palsy conduct in a foreign war return to barren domestic conflicts.

BRITISH FRONT.

LONDON, Dec. 6.

General Sir Douglas Haig, in his noon report, says:—There was intermittent enemy shelling on the Ancre.

IRISH QUESTION.

LONDON, Dec. 6.

Sir Edward Carson denies the scheme for the settlement of the Irish question.

ROUMANIA.

GERMAN CLAIMS.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 6.

German correspondents say that the victory on the Argesu was only possible because the Roumanians had no time to destroy the bridges. The Ninth German Army is incessantly attacking the rear-guards, and is marching straight upon the oilfields of the Prahova. If the valley is reached the Germans will be on the line of retreat of the second Roumanian army, which has held up the enemy for two months.

AFTER BUCHAREST.

Sofia messages declare that after Bucharest the next task of the Germanic Powers will be to capture Valona, which is in Italian occupation, and join hands with Greece.

BULGARIA'S MASS LEVY.

Bulgaria is introducing a Mass Levy Bill on the lines of the recent German measure.

FORCED ECONOMY.

LONDON, Dec. 6.

The London public welcome the Board of Trades' orders regarding simpler meals in hotels and clubs, also the forthcoming order prohibiting the eating of meat, poultry, and game on certain days at home.

An army order fixes the maximum charges for soldiers' meals in hotels and restaurants as follows:—Luncheon 3s 6d, tea 1s 6d, dinner 5s 6d, supper 3s 6d, exclusive of drinks.

In order to decrease the traffic on the railways, the Government contemplate a 50 per cent. increase in passenger fares in some cases, the withdrawal of cheap tickets, the abolition of race trains, restaurant and sleeping cars.

The Army Council is withdrawing soldiers' week-end leave except to those at the front.

The Board of Trade has prohibited the importation of foreign jewellery owing to the foolish buying by the well-paid war workers.

SUBMARINE MENACE.

PALERMO'S CREW AND CARGO

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.

The crew of the torpedoed steamer Palermo included 47 Americans. Her cargo consisted of horses, copper, iron, oil, and 70 tons of tar. She had mounted defensive guns.

EIGHT PERSONS LOST.

LONDON, Dec. 6.

It is reported that eight persons perished when the Moerski (not the Union Company's steamer of that name which is now in port in Sydney) was torpedoed. There are 94 survivors, including the captain.

ROLL OF HONOUR.

LONDON, Dec. 6.

Lieutenant Keith Debenham, of the Highland Light Infantry, a son of Mr. Robert Debenham, of Melbourne, has died of wounds.

COAL TRADE.

MINERS' CLAIMS.

The owners held a meeting yesterday, and decided to meet the men in conference on Friday morning, under the presidency of Mr. Justice Edmunds.

At the conference all the outstanding matters in the men's claims will be considered. These include increases from 20 to 26 per cent. in the wages of certain employees.

LIGHT AND POWER.

The Gas Emergency Board met again yesterday, and decided to revoke its notification of November 22 in so far as it prohibited the use and consumption of gas for lighting, heating and cooking in hotels, restaurants, and shops, and for all other trading and business purposes after the hour of 5 p.m. on each day by all persons and classes of persons in the districts supplied with gas by the North Shore Gas Company, Limited. This means that between the hours of 5 p.m. and midnight of each day gas may be used for all trading purposes by persons supplied by the North Shore Company only.

The board also decided to permit the use and consumption of gas for lighting, heating, and cooking in hotels, restaurants and shops in the districts supplied with gas by the Australian Gaslight Company between the hours of 5 p.m. and 10 p.m. on Friday.

All other notifications were confirmed and continued.

CONSUMERS PROSECUTED.

Forty persons were proceeded against in the Central Summons Court, before Mr. Macfarlane, S.M., yesterday, on information that they had suffered electricity generated by the Sydney Municipal Council to be consumed contrary to the regulations issued by the Electric Lighting Board.

The following fines were imposed, with 6s costs, in each case:—Ellen Keyes, £5; Joynton J. Smith, £2; John Oscar Paterson, £3; Daniel Minahan, £3; J. M. Johnston, £2; Abraham Rosen, £3; Nicholas Dineen, £2; Walter Harley Sly, £3; Wm. Henry James, £2; W. J. Dixon, £2; J. Murdock, £2; Dominic Burke, £2; Reginald Douglas, 10s; W. H. Richards, £2; Ida M'Arthur, £2; Wm Evans, £2; P. W. Newman, £2; W. G. Hunter, £2; N. Burne, £2; James Brady, £2; G. W. Mahony, £2; J. Williams, £2; E. Willcocks, £2; Joseph Nightingale, £2; D. G. Miller, £2; M. C. Watts, £2; Frederick Ansell, £2; Richard Wiley, £1; Joseph Lemon, £2; Benjamin J. Batt, 10s; Lilian Fitzgerald, £5; Ellen O'Connell, £2; James Halden, £2; Mary Mulcahy, £5; J. J. Welby, £2.

INDUSTRIES.

RESUMPTION OF OPERATIONS.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

An important announcement regarding the supply of power to various industries was made in the House of Representatives to-day by the Minister for the Navy (Mr. Jensen). He said that after consultation with the Prime Minister and the officers of his department it was proposed to bring about a complete resumption of all the State enterprises at as early a date as was compatible with the safeguarding of every aspect of the situation. The acute stage was reached approximately about November 23, when the situation became so grave as to necessitate the issue of a proclamation controlling all fuel and power supplies.

As a consequence the department had suddenly to cope with thousands of requests claiming permits to obtain fuel and power supplies for the carrying on of all kinds of industries and utilities and he had endeavoured to minimise public inconvenience as much as possible. The following list gave a general indication of the services which had been maintained up to the present, in addition to special permits:—Electric light, gas light, tramways, harbour and other trusts, corporations, refrigerating works, butchers, bakers, dairymen, butter factories, hospitals, charitable institutions, hotels, caterers, laundries, milk preservers, milk foods, bacon curers, canvedoring, flour mills, newspapers and important journals, printing of urgent work, many classes of general work connected with the Defence Department, Navy, and other Government departments.

In addition to the foregoing harvester factories had been kept in full operation to meet the demands for harvesters, reapers, and binders, twine factories for harvest work as well as sugar works, munition and explosives manufactories, and mining and smelting operations in connection with metals.

Partial operations have been maintained in the following industries for the purpose of saving loss of products, etc.:—Starch and food works, jam factories, tannery and boot works, breweries, maltsters, chaff and produce mills, flour mill, rack and bag manufacturers, glass and bottle works, and various other industries.

After carefully considering the whole position, and after having ascertained the stocks of fuel held generally, and the prospects of anticipated supplies coming forward from the mines now operating, he felt that he was justified in making the following statement as to future operations:—That the necessary requirements for transports and shipping could now be depended upon to bring about the complete resumption of these operations. To meet possible requirements, as facilities for loading permitted, there would be a judicious use of coal and coke in stock, and the transfer of the same from factories, etc., where these were held in excess of immediate requirements. It was proposed with the end of the year to commence the following programme, in addition to maintaining the various operations already indicated in the foregoing, to provide for the general resumption of industrial and other undertakings in the following order:—

On Monday, December 11:—Jam manufacturers, woollen mills, boot factories, felt hat factories, oatmeal mills and certain foods, superphosphates, tanneries, clothing factories.

On Thursday, December 14:—All power from electric and gas works for the resumption of work dependent on such power, and the general resumption of all undertakings dependent on fuel or power of any kind.

In conclusion, Mr. Jensen said: "I desire to call particular attention to the fact that this can only be done with any reasonable certainty of success conditional upon industries closing down for the usual Christmas holidays. It is obvious that this will be necessary on account of the fact that it is anticipated that the mines will be closed down also during this period, and it would be impossible to provide for a maintenance of supplies in January, when general resumption is expected to take place, if this arrangement is not carried into effect."

BULLI MINE.

WHAT IS A DEFICIENT PLACE?

BULLI, Wednesday.

At the Courthouse to-day Mr. Justice Edmunds met representatives of the employers and employees in connection with the dispute at Bulli colliery over the question of payment for deficiency places. As a result of the trouble the employees have been out for over three months. Mr. T. R. Morgan (assistant secretary, Southern Colliery Proprietors' Association) represented the employers, and Mr. J. T. Sweeney (secretary Illawarra miners) the employees.

The Court was crowded with employees of the colliery, much interest being manifested in the proceedings.

His Honor drafted an agreement as follows:—Work to be commenced on Monday if possible; after that date until December 27, 1916, absent men to have re-employment open to them. The matter of £18 to be paid to the lodge secretary, the employers not being a party to this term, the arrangement being a matter entirely between the lodge and myself. The manager in any case of his intending to object to payment of the consideration necessary to make up the minimum wage to notify the employee and the lodge secretary without delay of such intention. Two scrutineers on behalf of employees to be allowed thereupon to inspect. In case of claim by employees for compensation the management shall inform the Judge, and the Judge shall inquire immediately into the case, and if possible decide the same before pay Saturday. In case the Judge should not decide before pay Saturday the employee shall be put on the pay-sheet at the minimum wage, with a note on the pay-sheet that payment of compensation wholly or partly is disputed, and a corresponding note shall be made on the pay ticket. In case of adjudication after payment of consideration that such consideration should not be allowed, the management to have the right to deduct such consideration from the subsequent earnings. This system shall be given a trial for three months from the date of resumption of work, and shall be taken as an experiment, applicable to this mine only for the purpose of resumption and continuance of work therein. Cavil to be drawn on Saturday, December 9.

The employees' representative (Mr. Sweeney) agreed. Mr. Morgan (employers' representative), however, said that it was a matter of far-reaching importance. He would submit the offer to a conference of the proprietors and let his Honor know by Saturday.

Mr. Justice Edmunds said that, as the country was at war, the most important thing was the production of coal. The situation at present was so serious that he had put pressure on the proprietors that would not even be listened to under ordinary circumstances. He took it that both sides would look on the propositions put forward as an experiment. He hoped to have the assent of the proprietors by Saturday.

BRISBANE INDUSTRIES.

BRISBANE, Wednesday.

The naval authorities advised this morning that the Coal Board had decided to remove the embargo on coal. This will mean a general resumption of work.

FEDERAL SESSION.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Mr. Foster (S.A.) presented a petition, signed by 2260 wheatgrowers of South Australia, asking for representation on the Wheat Board.

The Prime Minister told Mr. Watt (Vic.) that the continued existence of the Federal War Committee would depend on the extent to which its operations would fit in with the new recruiting scheme. Mr. Mackinnon was considering the matter, and the Government would also give attention to it.

The Prime Minister told Mr. Sampson (Vic.) that negotiations for purchase of the Australian wool clip and wheat crop were not completed. As soon as they were, he would make an announcement.

The Minister for the Navy, in reply to Mr. Charlton (N.S.W.), said he was taking action for the speedy unloading of coal mine waggons, to prevent congestion and men being thrown out of work.

The Prime Minister, in reply to Mr. Riley (N.S.W.), said sufficient wool would be retained for Australian requirements.

Mr. Corser (Q.) asked if the Government would in consequence of the difficulties of wool storage in Queensland allow wool to be shipped under an embargo so that it could if necessary be dealt with on the spot.

The Prime Minister said the matter was really one for the British Government, but he hoped to learn within a few hours that the embargo was to be lifted.

At 10.45 p.m. the House adjourned till tomorrow.

ROYAL SYDNEY APOLLO CLUB.

The closing concert of the Royal Sydney Apollo Club was marked by greater animation, and more contrast, than is sometimes the case, a result due to the appearance of diverse solo-artists, and to occasional allusions to the fast approaching Christmas season. The Conservatorium Hall was well filled, and though the ranks of the choir have been somewhat thinned since the opening of the war, Mr. Alfred Hill, acting-conductor, contrived to keen the singers actively up to concert pitch. His own cleverly dramatic Maori Wars'orr "Hine Moa" and his beautiful "Hine moa" cantata was one of the successes of the evening, the male voices investing the music with sombre and portentous significance until the weird delivery of the war-cry. The fiery outburst at the "Ka Ha, Ka Ha" startled the audience into the demands for a repetition, when the singers wound up with a bloodthirsty "grunt" that caused considerable amusement. Thos. F. Dunhill's fine setting of Shakespeare's "Full Fathom Five" tested the choir more severely, but they acquitted themselves creditably, and, despite contrapuntal difficulties of the close, in which the clash of bells is heard, were capably overcome. Coleridge-Taylor's part-song, "Drake's Drum," proved popular; whilst the Christmas allusions sprang from a concert-party use of Gounod's "Nazareth," and from the inclusion of two "Hymns of Praise" by Mendelssohn. The broad, majestic harmonies of the Chorale "Let all Creation Praise the Lord" were followed by "Let Your Glorious Praise Ascend," the melody of which was "improvisated" in England almost at once for the verses beginning "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing."

Mr. Randal Woodhouse made his reappearance after an absence of 15 years, during more than a decade of which he was engaged as a professor of singing at the Royal Irish Academy of Music in Dublin. The robust tenor opened with the declamatory recitative and tender aria, "Ah, Moon of My Delight" (Lehmann's "Persian Garden"), and used his mellow voice skilfully in the chemical "Bonnie Mary of Argyle," he resorted to the head register and falsetto with judgment, and later pleased the audience in charming ballads by Leoni and Martin. Mme. Goossen's Viceroy sang Mimi's romance from "La Boheme" (in French), effectively emphasising the musical climax of "springlike, youthful joy; and the Belgian soprano was also successful in the encore-number, "Ouvre tes yeux bleus." Miss Dagmar Thomson and Mr. W. J. Coad joined in three "duettini for two violins" by Benjamin Godard, "Souvenir de Campagne," in which the players exchanged flowing passages probably intended to depict the calm of Nature, "Berceuse," and "Serenade." There was a certain resemblance in style between the two first which suggested that they might have been divided by the third with advantage, yet Serenade in the Spanish manner proved piquant, and was rendered with vivacity, and sympathetic reciprocity of expression. One of the events of the evening was the stately and captivating Corelli "Violin Sonata" in which Mr. Coad gave of his best. The accompaniments of the evening were Mlle. Puech, Mr. Norbert Wentzel, and Mr. Fletcher.

ANGLICAN SYNOD.

MOORE COLLEGE BURSARY.

At the ordinary session of the 17th Synod of the Diocese of Sydney it was decided, on the motion of Mr. L. S. Donaldson, to raise a fund for the establishment of a bursary at Moore College for candidates for Holy Orders. The bursary will commemorate the first jubilee of synod, and will be known as "The Sydney Synod Jubilee Bursary of 1916."

Ordinances were passed authorising the sale of land at Lawson, Woodford, and Ingleburn.

A determination passed by General Synod, amending the rules for the establishment of a college of theology, and for the granting of certificates by the same, was agreed to. The determination provides that the fellowship shall comprise all bishops residing in Australia and Tasmania, as well as such other persons as the bishops of the dioceses shall elect.

ISLAND MISSIONS.

Addresses were delivered outlining the missionary work being carried out in the various fields. The Rev. J. Balance, of the Australian Board of Missions, said that in the Melanesian Islands the native who 30 years ago murdered the white man to-day nursed him back to life, and at Torres not one case of misdemeanour was reported during twelve months. There were 120 natives worshipping on the island.

The Rev. E. Walker, of the Church Missionary Society, referring to the work in India, said that that country now boasted a native Bishop of the Church of England.

Missionary work in New Guinea was the subject of an interesting address by the Rev. Cecil King (A.B.M.), who said that only 20 years had passed since the first two natives were baptised. Now missions were dotted amongst the farms right up to the German boundary, and at one church, built by the natives themselves, there were no fewer than 177 Communicants at the first service. Up to date 1300 natives had been baptised.

I.W.W.

The following resolution was unanimously carried at a meeting of the Redfern branch of the Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners:—"That we, the members of the Redfern branch of the Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners, emphatically protest against the brutal sentences passed upon the members of the Industrial Workers of the World, as we consider that no evidence was submitted which incriminated them in any way with the charges preferred against them, and we consider that the Judge, jury, witnesses, and police were biassed, on account of the statements of politicians, the Press, and the pulpit whilst the case was still sub judice, and we further demand the release of these men."

A public meeting is to be held in the vestibule of the Town Hall to-day at 3.30 p.m. to take steps to recognise the skill of the detectives in connection with the recent I.W.W. cases, and to endorse the remarks and support the suggestions of Mr. Justice Pring. In view of the statements made by the Premier and the Inspector-General of Police, the proposed recognition will not take a monetary form.

STATE SESSION.

THE STONEWALL.

FIFTY HOURS' USELESS TALK.

With the exception of a five hours' break between 11 o'clock on Tuesday forenoon till 4 o'clock on the same afternoon, the Legislative Assembly has been sitting continuously since 4 o'clock on Monday. There has been practically nothing done, except the adoption of some of the departmental estimates of expenditure for the financial year, which from the start has been a foregone conclusion. Reckoning up till midnight last night, in all the 50 hours of talk, less than three hours was occupied by members of the Ministerial party and explanations by Ministers combined. The 20 members who sit behind Mr. Durack as the new official Labour party have been responsible for a futile stonewall. Late yesterday afternoon the Premier announced that the official reporting staff of "Hansard" had become quite exhausted, and that all that could be done from then on was to take brief notes of members' speeches. This did not deter the Opposition, however, who went gally on, talking for talking's sake, and at a late hour last night there were still several more departments to be dealt with. The Government was very loth to apply the closure to the debate, which, because of the varying nature of the subjects reviewed by the Estimates, was a practically inexhaustible one. It is expected, however, that unless the Opposition ceases its tactics some such steps will have to be taken, in order to finish the work this week.

There was no break, except for meals, in the sitting which began at 4 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon. It continued all through the night, all through yesterday, and was still in session when this edition went to press.

EARLY MORNING ELOQUENCE.

Approaching midnight of Tuesday, members of the Opposition settled down again, determinedly to stonewall the Estimates. The Premier and his colleagues immediately made arrangements for a further all-night sitting. Sufficient Government members to maintain a quorum kept their seats, while others secured snatches of sleep in quieter rooms, and even on the benches of the House. The Chief Secretary got the estimates of his department through committee just before dawn, although Mr. Cochran seemed, at one time, to be interminable on the subject of the collection of fish spawn in the dry lagoons, and other members delivered equally erudite and engrossing lectures on any and every aspect of the votes as they passed before the Chamber, the only interruption to the night's long eloquence being the inconsiderate snoring of one or more members. No more unkindly interjection than a snore was made through the whole night's sitting. The Minister for Lands, Mr. Ashford, carried his departmental estimates through at a stage when even the most resolute of the stonewallers was looking very jaded and white-faced. The only thing approaching a concession made on either estimate was when Mr. Ashford laughingly agreed to inspect certain land which Mr. Isaac Wright said only needed irrigation to make it an Eldorado!

RAILWAY SALARIES.

Mr. Bull, assuming the Ministerial chair when the Railway Department's estimates came forward, spent a patient time hearing members of the Opposition deplore the granting of increases to salaried officers while wage-earners were not treated as the Opposition wished them to be. He was soon led to retort: "Great care has been exercised in keeping down the salaries of higher paid officers and the wages of men in the lower grades of the service are fixed by wages boards from time to time. By the decisions of these wages boards the Commissioners are practically the total amount on the Estimates for increases to highly-paid officers is only £750, and that applies to men drawing salaries of £800 and over. On the other hand, the increases granted to the men whose wages are controlled by wages boards amount to £59,813. The comparisons that members are making is, therefore, grossly unfair. Again, the increased cost brought about 1/ the reduction of the hours of the station officers by the award which came into force in 1915, amounted to £15,000. Therefore, the total increases through wages board decisions is over £75,000. One of the items set down is a £50 increase to the secretary for Works. He receives £750, although the previous secretary received £900, at a time when the railway mileage and expenditure was tremendously less."

Mr. Dooley: If he receives only that amount, why does the manager of the refreshment-rooms for the railways receive £900? Which is the more important post?

The Minister said he had made his protest, and refused to be further drawn into argument.

AFTER BREAKFAST.

On resuming after breakfast, Mr. Lang spoke for three-quarters of an hour. He suggested the alteration of first-class carriages to second-class on early morning business trains, as a solution of the congestion problem.

Mr. Boston had a number of complaints regarding the working of the railways. He said that people who wished to travel from Wagga to Sydney on one of the express journeys, but was refused. The point of the application lay in the fact that Opposition members had occupied at least 38 hours out of the 40 of practically continuous sitting.

"HANSARD" STAFF EXHAUSTED.

Mr. Keegan had been speaking for about half an hour when the Premier announced that he had just had a conference with the chief of the "Hansard" staff, who had informed him that the shorthand writers were exhausted, and it was impossible at short notice to obtain competent substitutes. It had been arranged that during the evening only exceedingly abbreviated reports would be taken for "Hansard." There would be only three reporters in place of eight or nine, and in that way the staff would be able to get some measure of rest. By Thursday it was hoped they would be able to return to the ordinary working conditions.

Mr. Waddell asked when the new Railway Commissioners would be appointed.

The Minister for Works: Within the next few days.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.

The Speaker announced that he had received the following nominations for the Public Works Committee:—Messrs. P. M'Garry (Murrumbidgee), F. J. Faze (Botany), J. J. Morrish (King), A. Brunnell (Parramatta), R. Hollis (Newtown), Brinsley Hall (Hawkesbury), W. R. C. Bagnall (St. George

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

STOCKS AND SHARES.

A much quieter market ruled for investment scrip yesterday, though values were generally firm.

Variations in sale values were:—

RISE.		FALL.	
War Loan Inscribed Stock	5/	Colonial Sugar (Fiji)	5/
War Loan Bonds	2/6	Joe Gardiner (paid)	2/
Totalling Mechanisms	1/3		

STOCK EXCHANGE SALES.

The following sales were recorded:—Morning: W. H. Soul, 55/; Australian Bank of Commerce, 11/6, Mercantile Mutual, 50/3; Colonial Sugar (Fiji), £20/10/; War Loan, Inscribed, £99 17 6.

Noon: War Loan, inscribed, £99/17/6, bonds £96 17 6.

Afternoon: War Loan, inscribed, £99/15/; Colonial Sugar (Australia), £21/5/; Joe Gardiner, 24/3; Totalling Mechanisms, 13/3.

INTERSTATE EXCHANGES.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The following sales were reported to-day:—War Loan, £99 10 0; Victorian Government 4 per cent. 1918 (£96 10 0); County of Bourke Building, £8 0; Metropolitan Gas, £9 3 9; Melbourne Tram, 10/; Dunlop Rubber (third preference), 25/; Silverton Tram, 7/.

FINANCIAL.

DISTRIBUTERS' CO-OPERATIVE COMPANY, LTD.

The wholesale grocery houses of Sydney and Newcastle have formed a company on the co-operative principle for the purpose of effecting economies in buying, and for the protection of the wholesaler and the retailer. It is intended to purchase proprietary articles and articles with brands as a single buyer and place them in a central store. Each member of the company will then draw his requirements from the store as he wants them. An effort will also be made to standardise brands. In this way there will be considerable economy of capital, and as the total wants of the whole of the buyers will be known there will not be an overwhelmingly large stock held. The likelihood of overwhelming stocks is the danger when each individual firm buys.

The company was registered on December 1 as the Distributers' Co-operative Company, Limited, and the subscribers are—

John Bardsley and Company, A. H. Burnett and Company, Ltd., John Connell and Company, Ltd., David Cohen and Company, Ltd., W. C. Douglas, Ltd., Dalton Brothers of Sydney, Ltd., Earp Brothers and Company, Ltd. (Newcastle), A. Huxtable, J. R. Love and Company, Ltd., D. Mitchell and Company, Ltd., Walter Reid and Company, Ltd., Harry Shelley, Tillock and Company, Ltd., J. Ireland and Company, Ltd. (Newcastle), Hales, Ltd., R. Ball and Son, Ltd. (Newcastle). As set forth in the memorandum, the principal objects of the company are—

To promote economical buying on the co-operative principle.

To eliminate unreasonable and unfair competition in buying or selling.

To encourage and support local manufactures.

For the protection of the legitimate retailer from the competition of the wholesaler in selling to consumers direct.

Should the company prove successful it will be a great encouragement to co-operative distribution, and no doubt its activities will widen. It is evidence of the present economic trend.

SYDNEY BANK CLEARINGS.

The clearings of the Sydney banks for the week ended December 4 totalled £9,551,276, against £9,704,018 for the corresponding week last year. The following comparison may be made of the totals to nearest dates of the year here enumerated:—

January 1 to December 9, 1916	£370,147,114
January 1 to December 11, 1915	355,444,475
January 1 to December 7, 1914	332,390,594
January 1 to December 6, 1913	321,809,384
January 1 to December 4, 1912	295,954,900

There has thus been an increase of £24,355,016, as against last year. The clearings of the Melbourne banks from January 1 to December 4 totalled £323,641,215, an increase of £56,945,251.

COMMONWEALTH BANK.

Transactions of the savings branch of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia for the week ended December 4 and to date have been as follows:—

	Week ended Dec. 4.	To date.
Amounts opened, No.	2,293	217,948
Deposits	£268,376	£22,655,742
Withdrawals	£179,472	£22,286,291

Depositors' balances on December 4 thus aggregated £16,419,511, against £7,993,725 a year previously.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Stratton and Sons, Ltd., has been registered with capital of £40,000 in shares of £1 each. Its objects are to acquire and take over as a going concern the business of flour millers carried on at Cootamundra, under the name of Stratton and Sons. The first directors are Messrs. D. Stratton, J. T. Stratton, and F. Gunnow.

THE MORATORIUM.

PURCHASE OF BUSINESS.

"Parramatta" writes:—

Sir—About two years ago I bought a business for a certain sum, part cash and the balance on bills extending over a period of four years, with interest added, the security being an endorsement. I have paid the cash and a bill, a mortgage on the property which I took over. I know the moratorium covers the mortgage, but can I give relief in regard to the bills?

No.

"J.M." (1) Not unless there is a bill of sale. (2) On £30 only.

"J.C.M."—(1) Yes. (2) Yes. (3) Consult a solicitor.

COMMERCIAL.

THE MARKETS.

Chemical lines were easy yesterday. Caustic soda was irregular, quotations varying from £30 to £35 a ton. The demand was not heavy. Soda ash was still concentrated, but the attempt to get the market up to £15 had not been successful. Sales were made at £14/10 a ton. Quotations from England were much lower, but these quotations were accompanied by the information that the time of shipment is doubtful, and that it might be months before it arrived here. Carbonate of soda had a little business at £11/17/6. The arids were without quotable alteration. The list published yesterday by the Customs regarding substitutes for cream of tartar would seem to support the theory that these substitutes are taking the place of the cream, and that this is the reason for the slack demand for the better-known chemical. Strychnine met with no demand. The quotation was given as 3/3 an ounce, which was equal to the imported cost.

A fair business was done in teas. About 800 packages of Ceylons, out of the Kaiser-i-Hind, were sold, with delivery from the wharf, at 10½ to 11½d. Cable advices from Colombo state that at the auction on Tuesday all common teas, including leaf sorts, advanced 1 to 2 cents (up to 7½d), good medium brokens were steady, and all teas with quality were strong and advancing. There was strong general buying, the cable added. As to the local market, brokers here are not disposed to face the higher rates now being obtained in Colombo. The advance in freights advised a week ago will come into force on January 1.

Brewers' goods were quiet. Tasmanian hops were worth 1 a pound. There was some inquiry for Kent hops but there were no new Kents here yet, and it was anticipated that prices would be high. A few of last season's were quoted at 2/6, a very high rate. American hops were worth 1/6, duty paid. A little malt was bought for the Christmas trade. Victorian Chevalier was worth 7/.

LONDON METAL QUOTATIONS.

The Australian Metal Exchange advises that the London Metal (middle) quotations for December 5 were:—

Copper, standard, spot	£135	per ton	10/ up.
Copper, standard, 3 m.	£134/10/	per ton	10/ up.
Copper, electrolytic	166/10/	per ton	Unch.
Lead, soft foreign, spot	30/10/	per ton	Unch.
Lead, soft foreign, 3 m.	29/10/	per ton	Unch.
Tin, spot	248/10/	per ton	20/ dn.
Tin, forward	255/10/	per ton	£3 dn.
Tin, standard, spot	188/2/6	per ton	25/ dn.
Tin, standard, 3 m.	186/17/6	per ton	25/ dn.
Silver, standard, spot	36 1-16d	per oz.	¼d up.

BREADSTUFFS.

WHEAT FOR AMERICA.

Statements published by San Francisco newspapers regarding the chartering of vessels to take wheat from Australia to the west coast of North America have revived interest in the scheme which it was reported some weeks ago the Government had to send wheat thither. What the quantity will be has, of course, not been revealed. It has been asked how such export would affect the export to Great Britain. It is possible that, by sending the wheat to ports on the west coast of the United States, the same quantity of wheat could be released in the United States for shipment to England. There would be a gain of time and a gain in cost. Freight from here to England costs £7 a ton. Freight to the west coast of America costs £3, and from the east coast of America to England £2/10/.

FINANCIAL CABLES.

AUSTRALIAN STOCKS.

LONDON, Dec. 6.

Quotations of Australian stocks to-day were:—

Australian Mercantile Land and Finance 4 per cent. debentures, £71.

City of Sydney 4 per cent. debentures, £96/15/.

Dalgety and Co., shares, £6/11/3.

Union Steamship of New Zealand, £4/.

OVERSEA MARKET CABLES.

TIN STATISTICS.

LONDON, Dec. 6.

Statistics of tin for last month, the previous month, and November, 1915, are:—

TIN STATISTICS.	Nov., 1916. Tons.	Oct., 1916. Tons.	Nov., 1915. Tons.
Stocks	21,731	19,821	17,607
Supplies on spot or land—			
Hay	3,002	2,838	2,515
Afloat from Australia	2,532	3,600	1,967
Deliveries	1,316	1,347	1,569

WHEAT.

LONDON, Dec. 5.

Wheat is in demand, but good offers are scarce. An Australian parcel just shipped sold at 80/9 per quarter of 480lb, c.i.f.

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.

Chicago futures are quoted December opening 1.56½ dollars, closing 1.61 dollars (4½ cents down since Friday); May 1, opening 1.762 dollars, closing 1.774 dollars (1¾ cents down).

The American visible supply of wheat is 72,541,000 bushels, compared with 75,222,000 bushels a week ago, and 130,524,000 bushels a year ago.

THE WOOL POSITION.

LONDON, Dec. 5.

It is understood that two Bradford experts have been appointed to deal with the New Zealand clip when it arrives. This fact has intensified the impression that the Army Council intends to take entire control of the wool trade, and means the creation of a new Government organisation. Meantime there is much doubt whether the London sales will be held on December 12.

The wool conference has decided to take a census of stocks of wool, tops, yarn, and cloth in the United Kingdom on December 31. It is understood that if the census shows other home requirements are provided the exportation of wool and cloth will be permitted to the United States and South America.

PRODUCE.

DAIRY.

BACON SCARCE.

Yesterday stocks of bacon were light. Queensland consignments have been cut off, and New South Wales is thrown on to its own resources. The proclaimed prices are unaltered.

Owing to the non-arrival of the North Coast boat, no river eggs were available. New-laid and South Coasts cleared well at the previous day's rates.

There was no fresh butter on the market, but consignments are expected to-day.

Quotations were:—

Bacon.—Sides 1/, flitches /11½, middles 1/3, shoulders /10 per lb.

Hams.—Muslin 1/3½, seeds 1/4 per lb.

Butter.—Is/ cwt to be added for boxes and cartage. Choicest, 1s/9 per cwt; packed in prints, /01 per lb extra may be charged.

Cheese.—Local: Prime /9½, large /9 per lb.

Honey.—60lb tins of choice western, /5½; candied /3, to /4 per lb.

Eggs.—Hen: Suburban new laid 1/ to 1/1; Northern Rivers, /9½ to /10; Darling Downs and railways, /10, tested to /11. Duck: Suburban, 1/1, case /9 to /9½ per dozen.

Lard.—Packets, /8½ to /9½, bulk /8 to /9 per lb.

Bacon.—1/3 to 1/6, dark from 1/1 to 1/3 per lb.

POULTRY.

River and Railway.—Old hens, 4/ to 4/6, choice 5/; roosters, small 3/6 to 4/, medium 4/6 to 5/, choice to 6/; Muscovy ducks, 5/ to 6/6, drakes 7/ to 7/6; English ducks, 5/ to 6/, drakes 6/ to 6/6; turkeys, gobblers, 12/ to 25/, hens 7/ to 10/; guineafowls, 5/6 to 4/; pigeons, 1/6 to 2/; chickens, 3/ to 1/6 a pair.

Suburban Consignments.—Roosters, choice young, to 10/, good 7/6 to 8/6, medium, light, and old, from 4/; hens, choice heavy, to 7/, good, 4/6 to 6/6, medium, light, and old, from 3/; ducks, Aylesbury, choice young to 7/, good 5/ to 6/, medium, light, and old, from 4/6; Muscovy, choice young to 8/6, good, 7/6 to 8/6, medium, light, and old, from 6/6; drakes, Muscovy, choice young to 11/, good 11/ to 12/6, medium, light, and old, from 7/6; turkeys, gobblers, choice heavy to 40/, good 30/ to 37/6, medium, light, and inferior, from 20/; hens, choice heavy to 18/6, good, 14/ to 17/6, medium, light, and small, from 11/6; geese to 15/; pigeons, young and old, to 2/9; guineafowls to 6/6 a pair.

FORAGE AND GRAIN.

Trade in forage and grain was quiet, and prices were unchanged.

Quotations were:—

Chaff.—Local: Wheaten, £5/10/ to £6/; oaten, £4 to £5 per ton.

Oaten Hay.—Victorian: £5/10/. Local: £5 per ton.

Derrick Straw.—Local: £3/10/.

Firewood.—Boxwood, choice £3/3, good 20/ to 30/; stringybark, best £5/6; ironbark, 21/ to 25/; mixed wood, 20/ to 23/; bakers' wood, best 30/, good 16/ to 18/, inferior 14/ to 15/ per ton.

Broom Millet.—Prime long fuzz £32 to £33, inferior from £25 to £28.

Oats.—Giants, "A" grade 2/10, "B" grade 2/9; Algerian, feed 2/7 to 2/8, seed 2/10 per bushel.

Maize.—Prime dry, yellow or white, 3/9 to 3/10 a bushel.

Peas.—Grey, 7/ a bushel; blue, none offering.

Onions.—Hunter River: £9 per ton.

Potatoes.—Southern River, £7/5.

RAILWAY MARKET.

As supplies were larger, and a substantial manifest was exhibited, values for forage lines declined. Wheaten and oaten chaff failed to realise more than 4/6 at auction. New potatoes eased slightly, but old were worth more.

The yarding comprised 64 trucks of hay, straw, and chaff, 4 of grain, and 4 of vegetables; while the manifest included 135 trucks of forage, 14 of grain, and 14 of vegetables.

The following sales were effected:—

Wheaten Chaff.—Ex Koonbinna (15117), 3/7; Bullock, Cowra (16115), 3/; do (17511), 4/8; do (17605), Pearce, Kalso (18438), 4/; Moore Bros., Bongongbon (759), 3/6; Harrison, Narrangong (12073), 1/9; do (15381), 1/10; do (19555), 3/; do (15833), 1/6; ex Greenethorpe (8452), 3/7; do (8429), 4/1; Southwell, Greenethorpe (2192), 3/7; Graham, Quandong (11676), 4/; ex Wattamondara (10893), 3/6.

Oaten Chaff.—Ex Cowra (6219), 3/; Southwell, Greenethorpe (14320), 4/4; do (17004), 4/6 per cwt.

Potatoes.—Ex Mulgrave (2948), 35 bags new Manhattan, 7/3; Spuckman, Crookwell (12836), Snowflakes, 8/9; Brownelle, do; Redskins, 7/ per cwt.

FRUIT MARKET.

CONSIGNMENTS AFFECTED WITH FUNGUS.

The recent continued rain has produced fungus in the bulk of the crop of peaches and apricots, and many consignments are reaching market in such bad condition that they are immediately despatched to the destructor. The best quality peaches and apricots were selling yesterday at 5/ a half-bushel case.

Quotations were:—

Oranges.—Main crop, choice 12/ to 14/, medium 6/ to 8/, small 3/ to 4/; second crop, choice 4/ to 4/6, medium 2/6 to 3/, small 1/6; American navels, 17/6 to 18/6 per bushel-case.

Pineapples.—Queens, 6/6 to 7/6; Ripleys and Commons, 6/ to 7/6 a case.

Pears.—Victorian: W.X., 3/ to 15/; Josephines, 8/ to 12/; B.P., 10/ to 12/ a bushel-case.

Lemons.—Choice, 7/ to 8/, medium 3/ to 6/, small 2/ to 4/ a bushel-case.

Mandarins.—Choice 7/ to 8/, medium 3/ to 6/, small 1/6 a bushel-case.

Strawberries.—Local, 6/ to 12/ a dozen punnets.

Apples.—Local: Cooking, 2/ to 5/ a bushel-case; American: Winesaps, 15/ to 19/, King David 10/ to 15/, Victorian: Dessert, choice 7/6 to 11/, medium 7/ to 6/. Tasmanian: Dessert, choice 10/ to 11/, medium 5/6 to 6/; cooking, 4/ to 7/6; jam lots, 2/6 to 3/6 a bushel-case; French Crabs, S.T.B., 7/6 per bushel-case.

Bananas.—G.M.'s, 7/ to 8/6 a bunch, 19/ to 21/ a case; Fiji, 5/6 to 8/ a bunch, 17/6 to 19/ a case; loose, 8/ to 9/6 a case.

Cherries.—White 3/ to 6/, black 6/ to 7/ per quarter bushel case.

Plums.—Light choice 4/, medium 2/ to 2/6, small 1/6, dark, choice 4/ to 4/6, medium 2/6, small 1/6 per half-bushel.

Peaches.—Local, choice 8/, medium 2/ to 3/ a half bushel case.

Apricots.—Local, choice 5/, medium 2/ to 2/6, small 1/ to 1/6 per half-bushel case.

Gooseberries.—Local 3/ to 5/; Tasmanian, 6/ to 7/6 per quarter-bushel case.

CALF SALES.

IMPROVED VALUES FORTHCOMING.

At the Homebush Bay saleyards yesterday a fair supply of 347 head was penned, showing a larger proportion of good vealers and heavy descriptions than of late. A generally good quality was noted. Buyers turned up in full strength, and values showed a slight advance on those ruling last week.

The ruling prices were:—

Best yearlings to £6/10/; prime vealers to £6, good £4 to £4/10/, medium £3 to £4, light from £2/10/; best bobbies to £3/8/, good £1/15/ to £2/2/, medium £1/5/ to £1/15/, light from 18/.

STOCK TRUCKINGS.

Trucks for evening Homebush sales are:—

December 11, 191 sheep and 134 cattle waggons.
December 14, 241 sheep and 134 cattle waggons.

MINING.

BUSINESS MODERATE.

Only a moderate amount of business was transacted in mining scrip on the Sydney Stock Exchange yesterday.

British, old, opened firm at 26/, and advanced to 26/6, the latter price showing a rise of /6 on the previous day. Junction North at 8/1½ was /1½ firmer in the morning, but closing sales were recorded at rates which showed no variation on the previous day. Parcels for delivery in six weeks at 8/2 showed a rise of /3, and others for delivery in three months changed hands at late prices.

In the gold section, cash transactions of Edna May Deeps were recorded at 15/ as compared with 14/7½ yesterday. Consolidated, con., opened firmer at 10/, advanced to 10/6, but closed at 10/4½. Paid changed hands at 14/6; while Centrals, — delivery in six weeks, sold at 21/4½. Comparison between sales of Black Range West effected on November 22 and to-day showed a fall of /3. Morning Star sold for cash at 8/6, as compared with 11/4½ towards the close of last month.

Tin values were fairly steady. Ratrut at 21/, and Ronpiboo, contg., at 12/3, showed no variation, but Vegetable Creek (cash) at £8 2, and Tronoh, for delivery in six weeks, at 12/, were both /1 higher. A cash sale of Larut at 28/9 was recorded.

No business was done in copper.

THE SHARE MARKET.

Sydney Stock Exchange.—The closing quotations were:—

COPPER.	Buyers. £ s. d.	Sellers. £ s. d.
Hampden-Cloncurry, paid	1 10 6	1 11 3
Mount Lyell	1 6 6	1 7 6
Mount Morgan	1 9 3	1 9 9
Wallaroo and Moonta	—	2 18 6
TIN.		
Carnabhi, paid	—	0 4 6
Vegetable Creek	0 6 1½	0 6 3
Tin—Dredging and Sluicing.		
Austral Malay	—	2 6 3
Bangrun Valley, contg.	1 1 6	1 2 6
Deebook Dredging	0 9 9	0 10 6
Kampong Kamunting	1 11 6	1 12 0
Kelon Deebook, contg.	0 7 2	—
Larut Tin	1 7 6	1 9 0
Malaya Tin Cor.	2 15 0	—
Ratrut Basin	1 0 9	1 1 3
Ronpiboo	0 12 4½	0 12 9
Tongkah Harbour Tin	1 11 0	—
Ditto Compound	0 8 10½	0 8 4½
Trong	0 12 7½	0 13 0
SILVER.		
New South Wales, etc.		
British Broken Hill (old)	1 6 6	1 6 9
Broken Hill Proprietary	2 8 1½	2 8 9
Ditto, Block 10	1 1 0	—
B.H. Junction, cont.	0 8 1½	0 4 3
B.H. Junction North	0 7 11	0 8 0
B.H. North	2 8 9	2 9 0
B.H. South	7 18 —	7 19 0
B.H. South, cont.	7 12 6	7 15 0
C.S.A. Mines, paid	0 12 9	0 13 0
New Burraguan	0 6 2	0 6 5
GOLD.		
New South Wales, etc.		
Mount David	—	0 0 4
Occidental	0 2 10	—
Gold—Dredging and Sluicing.		
Rimu, No. 1	—	0 14 0
Shawn	—	0 16 9
Victoria.		
Morning Star, cont.	0 8 6	0 8 9
Western Australia.		
Black Range West, paid	0 2 11½	0 2 3
Commodore	0 1 10	—
Edna May Central	1 1 6	1 1 6
Edna May Consols, paid	0 14 6	0 15 0
Ditto, con.	0 10 3	0 10 5
Ditto Deeps	0 15 0	0 15 3
MISCELLANEOUS.		
Kirk and Wade's Molybdenite, paid	0 5 6	0 6 0
Ditto, contributing	0 3 6	0 4 0
Boyd's Molybdenite	—	0 10 0

STOCK EXCHANGE SALES.

The following sales were recorded:—

Silver: B.H. British, old, 26/, 26/2, 26/6; B.H. Junction North, 8/1½, 6 w., 8/2, 3 m., 8/2, cash 8/, 3 months 8/2.

Gold: Black Range West, 2/3; Edna May Consolidated, contg., 10/, 10/3, 10/6, 10/4½; paid, 14/6; Deeps, 15/; 6 weeks, 15/4½; Centrals, 6 weeks, 21/4½; Morning Star, contg., 3 m., 8/9; cash, 8/6.

Tin: Ratrut, 21/, 21/; Ronpiboo, 12/9; Tronoh, 6 w., 12/; Vegetable Creek, 6/2; 6 weeks, 6/2; Larut, 28/9.

LONDON SHARE MARKET.

LONDON, Dec. 5.

The following shares were quoted on the London Stock Exchange:—British B.H., £26/, 27/; Broken Hill Proprietary, 8/6 pd; £2/9; Mount Morgan, £6 10/, 6 10/; B.H. South, 7/; Hampden, 5 17/6; Hampden, 5 24/9, 25/3; Mount Elliott, 5 12/6, 5 13/.

NOTES.

The Al Gold Mines announce a dividend of 1/ per share, together with a bonus of 1/, payable on December 30.

There are good prospects of an early resumption of work at the Lloyd copper mine, which has been closed for the past three years. The mine has been floated into a new company, which is to be known as the Abercrombie Copper Mine, Ltd., with a capital of £30,000 (60,000 shares at 10/ per share). It is the intention of the new company to have the mine in full swing as soon as possible.

INTERSTATE EXCHANGES.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

To-day's sales included:—

Silver: British, 26/, 26/6; Junction North, 8/, 7/11; South, paid, £8.

Copper: Hampden, 20/7½, 20/6, 20/7½; Tasmanian Crown Lyell, /8½, ex Lyell Block, 2/11; Golden Edna May, 16/6, 16/9; Central, 21/3½; Consol, 10/2, 10/3, 10/1; Deeps, 14/2, 15/2, 15/2; Empress, 1/3, 1/2; Ajax Central, /5; Morning Star, 8/, 9/, 8/11; Bangalong, paid, 10/ 1d, 10/; Victorian Consols, 4/6; Cohen's Tunnel, 4/9; New Langi, 5/2.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

To-day's sales and quotations were:—

Various: Silver, British, paid, b 1/, a 2/3; S.A. Oil Wells, con, b 1/6, a 1/9.

Copper: Hampden, 21/, b 20/6, a 20/7½; Mt. Morgan, b 28/9, a 20/6; B.H. Lyell, b 29/11; Wallaroo, 36/6, 37/3; B.H.P., 57/, b 7/, a 57/6.

Tin: Vegetable Creek, b 6/, a 6/3.

Silver: Broken, b 48/6, a 49/, Block 14, pref., b 8/1, a 8/2; ditto, ord., 8/, b 7/, a 8/; Block 10, b 21/, a 22/6; British, old, 26/, 26/9, 27/, b 26/6, a 26/9; British new, b 24/6, a 25/; Junction, paid, b 5/3, a 5/4; Junction, con., 8/1, b 8/, a 8/3; Junction North, b 7/11, a 8/1; North, 49/, 49/3, 49/6; South, paid, £7 19/, £7 19/6, b £7 19/, a £8; ditto, con., b £7 14/6, a £7 15/6; Amalgamated Zinc, a 39/; Zinc Corporation, pref., b £7/6, a £8/; ditto, ord., b 12/6, a 14/3.

Gold: Nullagine, a 8/6; Riverina South, b 3/7, a 4/3; Golden Point Consols, b 7/6, a 8/6; ditto (paid), b 1/4, a 1/7; Bullinah Proprietary, 1/10, b 1/6; Boulder, 11/, b 10/10½, a 11/1½; Mararoa, 4/10, 4/9, b 4/9, a 4/11; Edna May, 17/6, 17/, b 17/, a 17/6; Edna May Consolidated (paid), 14/, 14/6, b 14/6; ditto (con.), 10/4, 10/3, 10/2½, b 10/3, a 10/6; Edna May Central, 21/, (75) 21/3, b 21/1½, a 21/4½; Edna May Barlee (paid), 5/3, 5/4, b 5/3, a 5/4; ditto (con.), 4/5, b 4/5, a 4/7; Edna May Deeps, 15/4½, b 15/3, a 15/4½; Empress, b 1/2, a 1/3; Weston's Reward (paid), a /9; Weston's Reward (con.), a /3.

THE MAILS.

THIS DAY.

South Australia.—Overland, 5.30 p.m.

Victoria.—Overland, 5.30 and 8 p.m.

Queensland.—Overland, 4.30 p.m.

Wellington, etc., N.Z. (direct).—Moeraki, 9.30 a.m.

Coff's Harbour and Jetty.—Fitzroy, 8 p.m.

FRIDAY.

Launceston.—Wakatipu, 5 p.m.

Eden.—Wakatipu, 3 p.m.

Nelson's Bay, via Newcastle.—Allyn River, 8 p.m.

Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Loongana, 5.30 p.m.

Thursday Island, Darwin, Manila (P.I.), Hongkong, and Japan.—Changsha, 9.30 a.m.

SATURDAY.

United Kingdom for Newspapers to be forwarded wholly by sea, and prepaid at the rate of 1d per 10z or fraction thereof for each Newspaper or sewed in separate wrapper.—P. and O. Royal Mail steamer Kaiser-i-Hind, 9.30 a.m.

Fiji (direct).—Atua, 2.30 p.m.

Clarence River.—Kyogle, 7.30 p.m.

EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

Letters, Packets, and Newspapers for Expeditionary Forces abroad.—P. and O. R.M.S. Kaiser-i-Hind, 5.30 p.m., Monday, December 11.

Parcels for Expeditionary Forces in Egypt, France, and England will be received at Branch Office, G.P.O., and at Chief Parcels Office, Central-square, up to noon on Friday, December 8, by all sea route, for transmission per P. and O. Company's steamer Kaiser-i-Hind.

AUCTION SALES TO-DAY.

HOUSES AND LAND.

RAINE and HORNE.—At the Rooms, at 11.30, City and Suburban Properties.

FURNITURE AND MERCHANDISE.

W. A. LITTLE.—At the Rooms, at 10.30 and 12, Pianos, Organs, Furniture, Jewellery, etc.

DEAN, VALANTINE, and CO.—At the Rooms, at 11, Leather Goods, Books, Crockery, etc.

FRASER, UTHER, and CO.—At the Rooms, at 11.30, Teas.

W. J. LAWS and FLOWERDEW.—At 89 Darling-street, East Balmain, at 11, Piano, Furniture, etc.

J. P. LISTER.—At 392 Pitt-street, at 11, Clothing, etc.; at 2.30, Sundries, at 3, Jewellery.

E. H. BRODRIBB.—At 66-68 City-road, at 11, Fancy Goods, Toys, etc.

STOKES and CO.—At the Rooms, at 11, Furniture, etc.

A. G. JENKINS.—At the Rooms, at 11, Clothing, etc.

H. LEVY.—At 125 Regent-street, Sydney, at 2, Clothing, Pictures, etc.

HEIGHWAY and HIGGS.—At the Rooms, Burwood, at 3, Suburban Properties.

FARM AND DAIRY PRODUCE.

POULTRY FARMERS' CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY.—At the Rooms, at 12.30, Eggs, Fruit, etc.; at 1.30, Poultry, Rockers, etc.

C. J. TILLY and SONS.—At the Rooms, at 1.15, Dorklings, Chicks, etc.; at 1.30, Eggs, Poultry.

MORSMAN and ELLIS.—At the Rooms, at 1.30, Eggs, Butter, Honey, etc.; at 2.15, Poultry.

W. INGLIS and SON.—At Quay-street Yards, at 11, Milch Cows.

HORSES, VEHICLES, AND HARNESS.

W. INGLIS and SON.—At their Bazaar, Camperdown, at 11.30, Horses, Vehicles, and Harness.

H. S. RUTLEDGE.—At Cattle Yards, at 2.30, Horses.

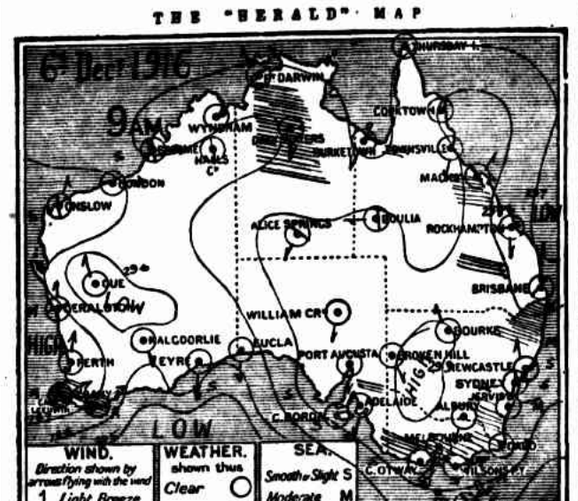
W. A. LITTLE.—At the Rooms, at 12, Motor Cars, etc.

MISCELLANEOUS.

A. EDGAR.—At Oddfellows' Temple, at 11, Building Materials.

AUSTRALIAN WEATHER.

THE "HERALD" MAP



During the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday some rapid changes have taken place in the pressure distribution over western parts of Australia. At 9 a.m. yesterday the northern isobars of an energetic Antarctic disturbance were shown over the Great Bight, and due to which strong and squally northerly winds were being experienced there. At Eyre a fresh northerly gale was blowing.

In eastern and north-eastern parts of Australia, as the result of the lingering monsoonal tendencies, rain of a scattered thundery nature has been recorded, but more pronounced, and at places heavy, in the Territory.

Fairly good and consistent rains also occurred in Victoria and Tasmania; but in New South Wales the amounts were light to moderate and scattered in the north-eastern and south-eastern districts.

The eastern States are at present under the influence of the rear isobars of a high pressure, and consequently northerly winds, at places squally, should be experienced in New South Wales, and fine, sultry weather, broken only by isolated thunder in the north-eastern districts and parts of the coast.

The Antarctic disturbance over the Southern Ocean is very extensive, and occupies the area from the Leeuwin eastward of the Tasman Sea.

Ocean Forecast.—Strong south-west winds around the Leeuwin, extending later to the Bight, smooth to moderate elsewhere.

METEOROLOGICAL REPORTS.

Commonwealth Weather Bureau, Wednesday.

SYDNEY RAINFALL.

Average annual for 57 years, 48/7 points.

Average for 56 years, from January 1 to end of November, 4355 points.

Total from January 1, 1916, to date, 4752 points.

Total for corresponding period of 1915, 3180 points.

Barometer.—9 a.m. 29.806, 3 p.m. 29.756, 9 p.m. 29.857.

Temperature.—9 a.m., 70.5; 3 p.m., 72.3; 9 p.m., 66.9; maximum 72.5, minimum 66.8.

Humidity.—9 a.m. 66 per cent., 3 p.m. 63 per cent., 9 p.m. 81 per cent.

Wind.—Greatest velocity, 17 miles, from the ENE, at 4.15 p.m.

RAINFALL REGISTRATIONS.

New South Wales (for the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m.).—Arahoe 10 points, Armidale 4, Barraba 11, Bateman's Bay 20, Bega 6, Bellingen 5, Bellinger 5, Bodalla 7, Bodalla 58, Braidwood 1, Boonah 2, Bundara 7, Byron Bay 6, Candelo 5, Casino 16, Clarence Heads 6, Delegate 9, Drake 52, Eden 26, Emmaville 11, Gaba Island 25, Glen Innes 2, Goodooga 3, Grafton 44, Green Cape 29, Gunnedah 3, Jervis Bay 8, Kosciusko 6, Lismore 3, Maitland 3, Manning Heads 5, Millie 3, Mogil 2, Moruya Heads 5, Mullumbimby 22, Narrabri 12, Nimitybelle 2, Sydney 1, Tenterfield 50, Tweed Heads 4, Ulladulla 10, Uralla 3, Walcha 10, Wee Waa 11, Woolgoolga 18.

COASTAL DEPARTURES AT 6 P.M.

Tweed Heads, 8, strong, cloudy, bar rough; Byron Bay, SE, fresh, overcast, sea slight; Ballina, SE, moderate, cloudy, sea heavy; Clarence Heads, s, moderate, fresh, sea slight; South Solitary, ENE, cloudy, sea slight; Crumna, E, light, cloudy, bar rather rough; Nambucca Heads, NE, light, cloudy, sea rough; Port Macquarie, ST, light, dull, sea slight; Manning Heads, SE, moderate, fine, sea moderate; Seal Rocks, SW, light, cloudy, sea slight; Port Stephens, NE, moderate, fine, sea slight; Newcastle, E, strong, fine, sea slight; Lake Macquarie Heads, E, strong, fine, sea moderate; Catherine Hill Bay, E, strong, fine, sea moderate; Barranjoey, NE, moderate, fine, sea slight; Wollongong, NE, light, fine, sea moderate; Ulladulla, E, strong, cloudy, sea moderate; Eden, E, light, cloudy, sea slight; Green Cape, S, light, cloudy, sea slight; Cape Howe, E, light, cloudy, sea slight; Cape Island, S, light, cloudy, misty, sea slight.

FORECAST FOR NEW SOUTH WALES AT 9 P.M.

Expecting for some clearing thunder-showers in the north-east, fine generally, increasing temperature, northerly winds, squally later in the east.

INTERSTATE RAINFALL REGISTRATIONS.

(For the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m.)

Western Australia.—Cape Leeuwin 4 points, Albany 16, Broome 8.—Katherine 8 points, Daly Waters 30. South Australia.—Kingscote 8 points, Port Wakefield 20, Powell's Creek 153, Tennant's Creek 11, Pine Creek 130.

Queensland.—Bowen 2 points, St. Lawrence 24, Rockhampton 8, Deane's Hill 3, Charleville 7, Mitchell 14.

Victoria.—Horsham 45 points, Hamilton 8, Cape Otway 8, Ballarat 35, Melbourne 13, Cape Schanck 4, Wilson's Promontory 44, Sale 22.

Tasmania.—Hobart 61, Springs 113, Hythe 3, Cape Sorell 3, Waratah 37, Zeehan 40, Low Head 2, Launceston 36, Eddystone 10, Swansea 42, Oatlands 30.

ASTRONOMICAL MEMORANDA FOR DEC. 7.

Sydney Observatory, Wednesday.

Sun rises at 4.57, sets at 6.56; Moon, 4.50 p.m., 2.28 a.m.; Mercury, 5.1 a.m., 7.48 p.m.; Venus, 2.32 a.m., 1.0 p.m.; Mars, 8.6 a.m., 8.25 p.m.; Jupiter, 2.59 p.m., 2.12 a.m.; Saturn, 9.51 p.m., 8.10 a.m. High water at Fort Denison, 6.39 a.m., 6.58 p.m. Full Moon, December 9, at 10.41 p.m.

New Moon, December 25, at 6.41 a.m.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.—Dec. 6.

Nichiyo Maru, s., 3287 tons, Captain Imayu, from Kobe, via ports. Burns, Philp, and Co., Ltd., agents.

Bell's Rings, s., 3116 tons, Captain Williams, from Port Pirie. Scott, Fell, and Co., agents.

Riverina, s., 4758 tons, Captain Bates, from Wellington. Holdsworth, Parker, Ltd., agents.

Katherine, str., s.s., 2386 tons, Captain Zachary, from Newcastle.

Albert, str., hp., 624 tons, Captain Nelson, from San Francis

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A table of PEDAL TAGELS at 6/11 contains smart Breton Shapes, with creased Crown and lined with pipings of contrasting tones on edge of crown and brim. THEY ARE USUALLY SOLD FOR 8/11. Colours combined are Burnt and Saxe, Navy and White, White and Black, White and Navy, Black and White, Mastic and Saxe, White and Rose, White and Saxe.

Another table, at 6/11, contains PEDAL TAGELS in a New French Sailor shape. Shades are Burnt, Black, White, and Navy.

A third Table, at 6/11, holds SQUARE CROWN BRETON SAILORS, IN PEDAL TAGEL STRAW, with 4½ inch brims. Navy, Burnt, White, Black, Putty, Rose, Saxe, and Nattier, in this assortment.

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It is a brilliant Value in shapes suitable for Tennis, Picnics, and Summer Outings of all kinds. Burnt and Cream shades only.

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and will be greatly appreciated, too. Note the keenness of the following prices:—

PURE LINEN SERVIETTES, hemmed and laundered ready for use, neatly boxed and tied with ribbon. Half-dozen box for 6/11.

PURE IRISH LINEN SERVIETTES, a splendid range of new patterns to select from. Usually 12/6 per dozen. Special Gift Price 11/3 per dozen.

Manchester Department, First Floor, Pitt-street.

NOVELTIES IN FRUIT PINCUSHIONS.
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These make dainty as well as useful gifts, and are wonderfully natural-looking reproductions of real Fruit. In fact, so closely do they resemble the real article, that if placed on the table with other fruit it would be impossible, without examination, to distinguish the one from the other.

FRUIT PINCUSHIONS, Peaches, Apples, and Pears, two sizes. Prices, 1/3 and 1/6 each.

Haberdashery Department, Ground Floor, Pitt-street.

FARMER'S EXQUISITE LINGERIE RIBBONS.
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A profusion of pretty designs in Clover and Laurel Wreath—so suitable for Xmas giving.

LINGERIE RIBBONS.

	¼	½	¾	1 inch
Prices	2/	2½	3½	3½d per yard
	1/9	2/3	2/3	5/3 per doz.
	2/6	3/3	4/9	7/6 per roll of 18 yds.

Ribbon Department, Ground Floor, Pitt-street.

KERCHIEFS FOR ONE AND ALL.
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Picture and coloured Handkerchiefs for the little ones are displayed in wonderful profusion at Farmer's. These make pretty gifts for the Xmas stocking. Attractively Embroidered designs suitable for the bigger folk, make their irresistible appeal also. We quote:—

Children's Picture Handkerchiefs, 1/3 dozen.
Children's Coloured Printed Handkerchiefs, 2/6 dozen.

Box containing 6 dainty Embroidered-edge Muslin Handkerchiefs, 6/6 per box.

The new wide-hem Handkerchiefs, with pretty coloured embroidered corner, 6/6 dozen.

Hemstitched Muslin Handkerchiefs, corners, in box of three for 1/9.

Handkerchief Department, Ground Floor, Pitt-street.

FARMER'S CHARMING HAIR ORNAMENTS.
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Your lady friend may fancy a comb—and one of Farmer's is sure to meet with warm approval.

2 PRONG DAGGER PIN, neatly set with brilliants, in White Metal. Prices 2/6, 2/9 each.

IMITATION TORTOISE SHELL 2-prong Dagger Pins, studded with brilliants. Price 4/6 per pair.

Imitation Tortoise Shell 4-prong DAGGER PINS, for side hairdressing. Price 4/6 each.

Fancy Haberdashery Department, Ground Floor, George-street.

DAINTY CRETONNE COVERED GOODS.
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Neat gifts these novel boxes and cabinets with their delicately tinted cretonne coverings. Note the striking displays in our Pitt-street window.

Glove and Handkerchief Boxes, in light or dark floral cretonne. Glove size, 12½ x 44 inches. Price 2/9.

Handkerchief size, 6 x 9 inches. Price, 2/3.

Cabinet of Drawers, in pretty floral cretonne, Size 14 x 9 x 14½ inches, 3-drawer. Price 19/6. 2-drawer, price 15/6. 4-drawer, price 25/. 6-drawer, 42/.

Range of pretty Floral Cretonne Boxes, with lift-off lids, size 11 x 6½ inches. Price, 2/.
Size 12 x 7 inches. Price 2/9.
Size 8 x 13 inches. Price 3/6.
Size 8½ x 13½ inches. Price 4/.
Size 9½ x 14 inches. Price 4/6.
Size 10 x 15 inches. Price 5/.
Size 11 x 16 inches. Price 5/6.
Size 11½ x 16½ inches. Price 6/.
Size 12 x 17 inches. Price 6/6.
Size 13 x 18 inches. Price 7/.

Fancy Department, Ground Floor, George-street.

OTHER NOVEL AND DAINTY GIFTS.
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JEWEL CASES, small leather cases, from 3/9 to 15/6. Better qualities, fitted with tray, 10/6 to 45/.

LEATHER CASES, containing perfume bottles, Prices, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/6, 18/6, to 25/. Also Spirit Bottles, in case. Prices, 25/, 27/6.

TEA COSIES, quaint designs, made of Crepe paper, lined with cotton wool, very serviceable. Price 3/3 each.

Fancy Department, Ground Floor, George-street.

Calendars in pretty shades of Blue, Red, Brown, with book of quotations attached. Price 2/6 each.

Stationery Department, Ground Floor, Pitt-street.

GIFTS IN TOILET ACCESSORIES.
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Be it a box of delicately perfumed Powder or exquisitely perfumed Soap, the gift is always pleasing, and is sure to be appreciated by the recipient.

English Jasmin Soap, daintily boxed and tied with White Ribbon. Price, 1/ per tab. 10/6 per box of 12 tabs.

English Jasmin Bath Soap, 8oz tab., 6 tabs in box. Price, 9/ per box.

Jasmin Talcum Powder. Price, 1/3 per tin.

Iroma Toilet Soap, daintily boxed. Price, 4/ per box of 3.

Iroma Talcum Powder, per tin, 1/3.

Perfumery Department, Ground Floor, George-street.

GIFTS FOR THE TOILET TABLE.
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British Xylonite Hair Brushes, pure bristles. Prices, 7/6, 10/6, 16/6, 19/6, 21/, 27/6, and 30/.

British Xylonite Mirrors, small size. Price, 1/9 and 3/6. Better quality, large sizes, price 12/6, 14/6, and 17/6.

British Xylonite Manicure Sets, best quality steel implements, in heavy Xylonite box. Price, 15/6 and 22/6.

Perfumery Department, Ground Floor, George-st.

FARMER'S HOME-MADE CONFECTIONERY.
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Pure, Fresh, and Tempting—daintily packed and boxed, suitable for Xmas Presents.

"VICTORIA" assortment, consisting of Creams and Fondants, with nut and fruit fillings and many delicious flavours. Prices, 2/ and 2/6 per box.

SPECIAL "BLUE" BOX, contains Creams, Fondants, Fruit Nuts, etc., and Chocolates. Price, 5/6 box.

SPECIAL "PINK" BOX, tied with ribbon, containing a special assortment of Creams, Fondants, Fruit Nuts, etc. Prices, 3/6 and 5/6 per box.

SPECIAL "BROWN" BOX, containing the finest Chocolates with fillings of Fruit and Nut, and many other mixtures. Prices, 2/6, 4/9, and 10/6 per box.

Sweet Department, Ground Floor, Pitt-street, and George-street.

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TOYS GALORE FOR THE CHILDREN.
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We have a wonderful variety of the most fascinating Toys—big and little—to make glad the hearts of the children. See the entrancing displays in our Windows and Toy Department, First Floor, George-street. Bring every child, and come now whilst there is plenty of room to shop and greater variety of choice. Here are some of them:—

Never-stop Humming Tops. Price, 9d each.

Everlasting Spinning Tops. Price, 1/6 each.

Mechanical Motor Cars. Prices, 1/3, 1/9, 2/6, 3/6, 4/, 5/, 6/6 each.

Mechanical Trains on Rails. Prices, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 17/6, 21/, 30/ each.

Mechanical Boats. Prices, 2/9, 3/9, 8/6, 12/6.

Drums. Prices, 4/6, 8/6, 9/6, 15/.

Toy Department, First Floor, George-street.

WE PAY CARRIAGE

on Fashion Goods, Drapery, and Travelling Requisites to any part of Australia.

FARMER'S, SYDNEY.

PITT, MARKET, AND GEORGE STREETS.

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HUGE CROWDS

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LADIES, IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN NEW SUMMER GOODS BE SURE TO SEE OUR STOCKS IN THE SECTIONS DEVOTED TO

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HANDKERCHIEFS,

PARACHUTES,

LACES,

FLOUNCINGS

OUR REPUTATION FOR

BEST VALUES,

AT

THE OLD LOW PRICES,

MAKES IT PRUDENT.

ONLY BY A VISIT CAN YOU APPRECIATE THE UNDER PRICE OPPORTUNITIES NOW OFFERED. A PERFECT WONDERLAND OF VALUES IN NEW GOODS.

CORRECT STYLES AND COLOURINGS FOR SUMMER . . . ATTRACTIVE ASSORTMENTS AND STILL MORE ATTRACTIVE PRICES. ARE YOU PLANNING FOR COMING SEASON? HERE ARE APPEALING VALUES.

LADIES' HANDKERCHIEFS.

CALL IN AND SEE THE SPECIAL DISPLAY WE ARE MAKING, ALL LINES ARE PRICED PLAINLY. THE VALUES WILL BE FOUND VERY ATTRACTIVE. THESE MAKE ACCEPTABLE XMAS GIFTS.

The Fashionable COLOURED BORDERED HANDKERCHIEF.—See our showing in these. The values and designs are right. A line of Muslin with wide Coloured Borders, Fancy Coloured Centres, 6 for 2/3, or 5d each. The colours are Sky, Pink, and Mauve.

FANCY COLOURED BORDERED MERCERISED HANDKERCHIEF, in a variety of designs, Assorted Colours. PRICE, 3/6 per dozen.

DAINTY HANDKERCHIEFS, wide fancy Coloured Border, nice quality Muslin, Assorted Colours, including a number of Green shades. PRICE, 6 for 2/3, or 5d each.

LADIES' EMBROIDERED MUSLIN HANDKERCHIEF, scalloped borders. Special Value. Call and see them. Prices are from 2/11½, 3/6, 3/11, 4/3, 5/6, and 6/6 per half-dozen.

A Line with Hemstitched Borders, at 2/11½, 4/3, and 5/11 per half-dozen.

LADIES' PLAIN PURE LINEN HANDKERCHIEFS.—We put in large stocks of these at old prices. Our judgment was right, as today we can sell for what these would cost wholesale. Now, what looks nicer than a Plain White Handkerchief? The Prices are 1/11½, 3/6, 4/3, 4/6, and 6/3 per half-dozen. Call and see the Quality.

LADIES' FANCY GUIPURE EDGE HANDKERCHIEF.—We are making a Special Show of these. They make acceptable Xmas Gifts. Prices are 9½d, 11½d, 1/1½, 1/3, 1/9½, 1/11½, 2/3, and 2/6 each.

CHILDREN'S PICTURE HANDKERCHIEFS, in designs that will please the little ones, and qualities that will wear. Assorted Colours. Prices, 6 for 9½d; also in Plain White, Special Value, 8 for 10½d.

PARACHUTES.

SUNSHADE DAYS are COMING. SUNSHADES are indispensable for the beach.

Here is a Line of Parasols, in TUSSORE COLOUR, smart handles, lined with Green, Sky, or Red. Priced at 4/3 each.

ANOTHER LINE at 6/11 each, with Pink, Sky, or Green Lining.

TUSSORE SILK SUNSHADES, nobby handles, lined with Red, Navy, or Green, 8/11 each.

PLAIN WHITE SUNSHADE, long handles. Priced at 5/11, 8/9, and 12/11 each.

BLACK and WHITE PARASOL, smart effects, long handles. Prices, 10/6, 14/11, 15/6, and 16/11 each.

LADIES' BLACK UMBRELLAS.—The weather is unreliable, be prepared! Carry an Umbrella. We are offering SOLID VALUE. Prices are 2/3, 4/6, 5/6, 6/11, 8/11, and up to 42/ each.

CHILDREN'S SUNSHADES.—We are offering Special Values, call in and see our showing of these.

FLORAL DESIGNS, at 1/, 1/3, 1/9½, 2/6 each.

PLAIN COLOURS, 1/11½, 2/6½, 4/9 each.

PLAIN COLOURS WITH FRILLS, 1/11½ each.

GLOVES. GLOVES.

WE ARE RENOWNED FOR OUR GLOVES. THE Qualities are such as will give every satisfaction, and the range is excellent. Call and see them.

LADIES' 2-DOME SILK GLOVE, double tipped fingers; a good wearing quality.

PRICE: 2/3 PER PAIR.

LADIES' FINE LISLE GLOVES, 3-BUTTON, in Black or White.

PRICES: 2/3½, 2/6½, 2/9½ PER PAIR.

LADIES' REAL KID GLOVE, 3-BUTTON, 3-cord points, in White, Black, Beaver, or Brown.

PRICE: 3/11 PER PAIR.

LADIES' REAL KID GLOVES, 3-BUTTON, 3-cord point, in Black, White, Beaver, Grey, or Tan shades.

PRICE: 4/11½ PER PAIR.

LADIES' WASHING SUEDE GLOVE, 2-BUTTON, one-cord point, in Natural colour.

PRICE: 3/11½ PER PAIR.

LADIES' 8, 10, or 12 BUTTON REAL FRENCH KID GLOVE, in Pastel, Brown, Beaver, Grey, Black, or White.

SPECIAL PRICE: 4/11½ PER PAIR.

THESE LONG GLOVES have been CONSIDERABLY REDUCED IN PRICE.

LADIES' WASHING DOE SKIN GLOVE, 8-BUTTON LENGTH, fancy points, Pique sewn. These are in White only.

PRICE: 6/11 PER PAIR.

We can strongly recommend this glove.

LADIES' NATURAL WASHING SUEDE GLOVE, 10-BUTTON LENGTH, AT 3/11 PER PAIR.

LADIES' HOSIERY.

WE ARE OFFERING SPECIAL VALUES

WELL WORTH YOUR TIME TO CALL AND INSPECT.

LADIES' BLACK SILK ANKLE HOSE, free from flaws, nicely finished, and a line that will give good service. PRICE, 1/6½ PAIR. Shown on Hosiery Table, under Main Staircase.

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